

Landing Caught Japs By Surprise

NEW YORK (AP)—CBS correspondent William J. Dunn, who witnessed the new U.S. landings at Cape Gloucester on New Britain, radioed today that the assault was one of the most perfectly co-ordinated, air and naval operations of the Pacific war.

The Japanese did not launch their first aerial counterblow nearly until seven hours after the first marine landed.

Censors Tighten Up

LONDON (CP)—More rigid censorship of war news flowing from Britain to the United States can be expected in the coming weeks as British and U.S. forces mass their strength for the continental invasion under Gen. Eisenhower.

Capt. Eugene F. Nute, who is taking over as the U.S. army's chief press censor, said today the military censorship staff is being expanded considerably.

Fire Bomb Found

EDMONTON (CP)—Police are investigating circumstances following disclosure of a fire bomb in a lane in the downtown area of the city late Friday. The object, found by a youth whose name was not revealed, was dealt with by trained U.S. army men.

Hull Again Warns On Over-Optimism

WASHINGTON (AP)—State Secretary Cordell Hull today added a qualification to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's statement that the war in Europe will be won in 1944.

Hull told his press conference that people in all the United Nations should be more unified in their efforts to support those who are fighting and sound a new warning about over-optimism on winding up the war.

Jailed for Year

NEW YORK (AP)—Carlos Velez, 26-year-old Spaniard described by the F.B.I. as a cousin of the Duke of Alba, Spanish ambassador to Great Britain, was sentenced today to a year and a day in prison on the plea of guilty to a charge of having acted as a German agent without notifying the state department.

Charles Bedeaux In Close Custody

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Charles E. Bedeaux, wealthy inventor of an industrial work system and an acquaintance of widely-known Europeans, is being held incommunicado until further notice.

Col. Charles G. Mettler of U.S. military intelligence said Bedeaux was flown to Miami from North Africa last week, accompanied by army officers.

No reason was given for his detention.

Crews May Strike

DETROIT (AP)—Some 700 carrier seamen affiliated with the Seafarers' International Union (A.F.L.) in the Great Lakes district warned today they would join in the impending walkout of railroad brotherhoods and unions if the railroads attempted to substitute nonunion employees.

\$9,000,000 for Papers

BIRMINGHAM, Eng. (CP)—In a \$9,000,000 deal, Lord Iliffe, prominent in the newspaper and publishing world until his retirement from business in 1939, has purchased the Birmingham Post, Birmingham Mail and Birmingham Weekly Post from the estate of the late Sir Charles Hyde.

Mrs. C. W. Plumb Dies On Way to Church

Collapsing at the corner of Quadra and Johnson Streets while on her way to attend service at Metropolitan United Church the day after Christmas, Mrs. Emma Jane Plumb, Mount Edwards Apartments, widow of C. W. Plumb, died before arriving at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Mrs. Plumb was walking with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. R. Bewell, 1638 Pinewood, and a friend, when she suffered a heart attack.

Mrs. Plumb had been an active member of the Metropolitan Church for 35 years. She also belonged to the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E.

Born in England 78 years ago, Mrs. Plumb had lived in Victoria 42 years. Funeral arrangements are being made from S. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home.

1944 Victory In Europe, Says Gen. Eisenhower

ALGIER (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, new commander of the main European invasion force, declared flatly and without qualification today that "we will win the European war in 1944."

He made the statement at a farewell press conference before leaving for Britain to take command of the invasion of Hitler's European fortress from the west or north.

He indicated he would depart soon to take over his new duties and said his task would be to create an Allied supreme staff to run the big invasion.

"My own and personal job immediately of course will be to do what we have done here. That is, to weld the directing team together in such a way that no real friction ever develops, that people trust each other, work in unison and go into this thing with full weight. I believe we have developed here that sense of partnership which has come as near as humanly possible to eliminating the friction that has been typical of Allied actions in the past."

Every Man, Woman Called to Full Duty

"The only thing needed for us to win the European war in 1944 is for every man and woman, all the way from the front line to the remotest hamlet of our two countries, to do his or her full duty."

Gen. Eisenhower declared in making the prediction that the war in Europe would be won in 1944, that the temptation always arose to qualify it, but he was resisting this impulse.

In answers to questions whether he had been satisfied with the progress of the war against Germany during 1943 and if the year had been up to expectations, the general said the best way to answer that was for the people in their own minds to compare the position of the Allies in October, 1942, with the position today.

The general then reviewed the changes, pointing out that last year, with the Germans almost at the gates of Cairo, Malta hung by a thread, and submarine warfare was at its height.

Speaking of the campaign in Italy, the general pointed out that the surrender of the Italians had enabled the Allies to seize the heel of Italy, including the naval bases of Taranto and Bari, with a small expenditure, and dispose of the Italian fleet, for a big gain in Allied naval forces.

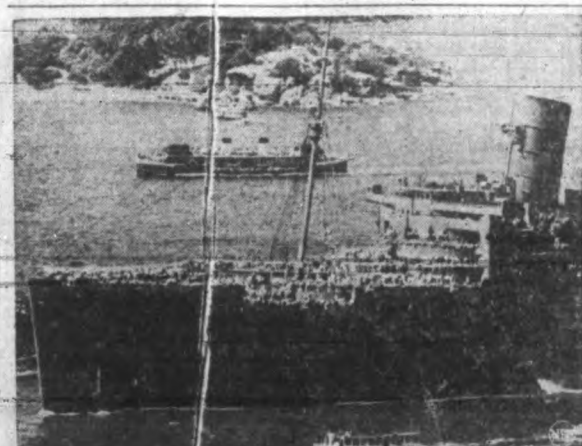
He said he had expected nothing more and had prepared for nothing more although he may have hoped the surrender would give greater military advantages.

Realizes He Faces His Greatest Test

Referring to his new appointment to lead the continental invasion, he said only time would tell whether he was the right man for the job.

Asked whether French forces would be used to attack Europe, Eisenhower said the French were being retrained to fight the Germans and certainly would be included in any such plans.

His main task, he said, would be to weld Allied forces into one team without friction and he said he thought Britain and the United States had developed a sense of partnership which eliminated traditional causes of friction among Allies.



QUEEN OF TRANSPORTS—Seldom photographed since she donned war paint and started ferrying Allied expeditionary forces to global battle fronts, the giant S.S. Queen Mary is pictured as, loaded to the gunwales with troops, she recently entered an unnamed port.

Large Nazi Force Trapped As Russians Cut Kiev Highway

MOSCOW (AP)—The Red Army's new winter offensive across the Ukraine was reported today to have cut the Kiev-Zhitomir highway, trapping a large German tank and infantry force.

Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's 1st Ukrainian Army pushed west along both sides of this road, advancing within 20 miles of Zhitomir, biggest prize of the Germans' disastrous autumn attack.

The Russians continued to edge forward through the Vitebsk fortified zone farther north, working around the city from the north-west, east and southeast and coming within eight miles of that big German base.

The two Red Army thrusts gained momentum, steadily assuming the proportions of a major push. A clean breakthrough in these sectors would open the way for swift advances to the Soviet border, the western Ukraine and the Baltic region in the northwest.

BIG REVERSAL

The Russian offensive in the Ukraine brought one of the most dramatic reversals on this long war front. It was mounted at a point where the Germans had used eight tank divisions and a huge infantry force early in November to liquidate the Red Army bridgehead west of the Dnieper.

Front line dispatches disclosed the Red Army had launched its own offensive there with a tremendous artillery barrage followed by a tank and infantry assault.

The Vichy radio acknowledged "the initiative in the Kiev salient has passed over to Vatutin, who is making prodigious efforts to enlarge breaches in the German lines." The German communique today said the Russians threw heavy tank and infantry forces into attacks on the Zhitomir area and that "battles of varying fortunes are in progress."

ADMIT LINE BROKEN

The Nazi communique claimed Soviet penetrations on the Vitebsk front had been sealed off and that attacking Red Army spearheads had been thrown back in counterattacks. A Berlin military spokesman was quoted by the Paris radio as saying picked Soviet units have broken the German lines in the Zhitomir area between Vitebsk and Zhitomir.

6 Babies Arrived Christmas Day

Six young Victorians were born on Christmas Day.

Four boys and two girls came into the world at Royal Jubilee Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital—three in each hospital.

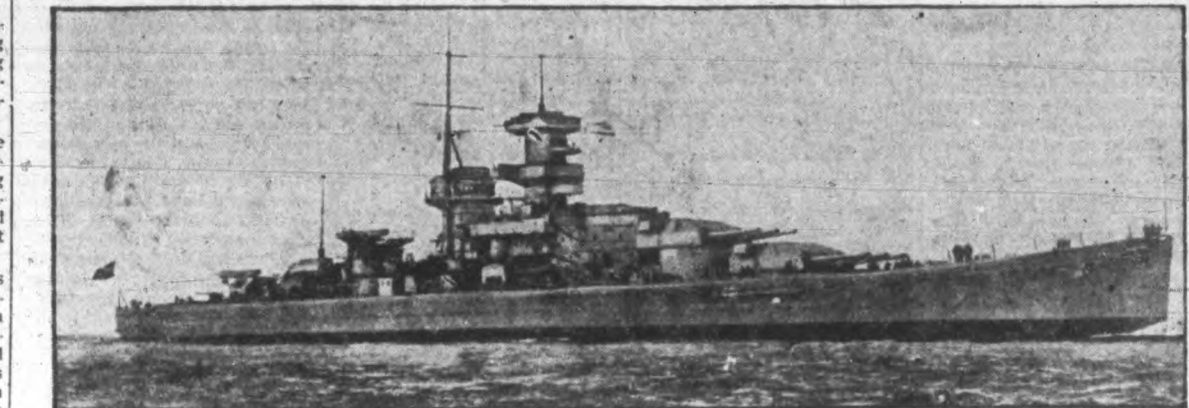
First arrival of the day was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Beach, 2663 Blanshard Street. He was born at 5:58 in the morning at St. Joseph's.

Next arrived at St. Joseph's, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gower, Seymour Avenue, at 6:18, followed at the same hospital at 7:55 by the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cortner, 925 Johnson Street.

At Royal Jubilee, maternity nurses were on call all day. First arrival was the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Walker, Glen Lake Road. He arrived at 10. At 2:30 in the afternoon a daughter arrived for Mr. and Mrs. Eric Helmer, 1349 Grant Street, followed by a daughter at 6:20 for Mr. and Mrs. Roy McKay, 1319 Camosun Street.

Canadian First Army In Eisenhower's Group

Nazi Battleship Scharnhorst Sunk



LONDON (AP)—The possibility that the German battleship Scharnhorst carried her entire crew down with her when she was sunk by British Home Fleet units off the Norway's North Cape arose today when no word came of any survivors.

If such were the case, Sunday night's sinking of the 26,000-ton vessel in a blazing Arctic action would parallel the sinking of the big battleship Bismarck by the British navy in May, 1941. Only a relative handful of the Bismarck's crew were saved. About 1,400 men presumably were aboard the Scharnhorst.

Allied military experts hailed the sinking of the Scharnhorst as one of the most spectacular triumphs of the Royal Navy and as

a bitter defeat for Hitler in his latest desperate gamble to halt the flow of British and U.S. war supplies to Russia.

Admiral Sir William James, chief of British naval information, told reporters: "The striking power of the German fleet is being slowly but steadily whittled away."

"Today, German surface striking power is reduced to two pocket battleships of 10,000 tons and some small cruisers," he said.

Further official news of the Scharnhorst exploit and battle which revolved around it was not expected here until the Russia-bound convoy which was the target of the Scharnhorst's attack was passed the danger zone.

The use of the Scharnhorst and

other Nazi surface units in an attack on a convoy suggested Hitler now has been forced to the desperate gamble of risking his few remaining warships in an attempt to disrupt shipments of arms and munitions to Russia.

In the past the German Admiralty has relied primarily on U-boats and planes for this work. But the German submarines have taken a terrific beating in the past few months in the Battle of the Atlantic, and the mighty Allied airtide offensive against the coastline apparently has compelled the Nazi Admiralty to pull in all available planes for the defence of the homeland.

Launched Oct. 3, 1936, and carrying nine 11-inch guns as her main armament, the Scharnhorst was put into service Jan. 7,

1939. She normally carried a crew of 1,461.

Often hunted by Allied bombers along with her sister ship, the Gneisenau, she was last previously reported in a Norwegian hideout in a position near the Murmansk convoy routes.

It was believed possible in London that a British battleship of the 35,200-ton King George V class, which carry 10 14-inch guns as main batteries, was engaged in the Arctic battle. These warships are capable of a speed of 30 knots.

The Scharnhorst bore the name of a German cruiser sunk in the Battle of the Falklands Dec. 8, 1914. The Gneisenau was named for another cruiser which went down in the same First Great War action.

D. J. Farmer, 70, Retired Tailor, Accident Victim

Victim of a Christmas Day traffic accident, D. J. Farmer, 70, retired tailor and World War 1 veteran, who lived alone at 2858 Douglas Street, died in St. Joseph's Hospital at 3:28 Sunday morning.

Police reported Mr. Farmer, who suffered compound fractures of both legs and head injuries, was struck while crossing Douglas at Market at 7, Saturday evening by a car driven by Robert Wylie, coxswain at H.M.C.S. Givency 2.

Mr. Farmer was removed to hospital before the police arrived. He was attended by the house doctors.

Police said Wylie's car, in which Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simpson, 3115 Bethune Avenue, were passengers, was proceeding south on Douglas and struck Mr. Farmer with the left front fender about 100 feet south of Market. Police said Mr. Farmer was crossing Douglas from east to west. Police took Wylie's car into custody.

Only known relative of Mr. Farmer, who never married, is a sister, Mrs. R. D. McCrea, 68 Obed Avenue, who was at the hospital when he died.

Mr. Farmer served four years in the Canadian army and saw action in France during the last war. He was a member of the Pro Patria Branch, Canadian Legion. A legion funeral is being arranged from McCall Bros' Funeral Home.

9 Still Missing

HULL, Que. (CP)—Police have accounted for all but nine of the 44 guests in the Central Hotel destroyed by fire last Thursday. Police Chief J. A. Robert said today.

FO. Ian Gillespie Missing in Action

Official word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Errol P. Gillespie, 1326 Manor Road, that their second son, FO. Ian George Gillespie, 20, R.C.A.F., is missing after air operations overseas, Dec. 22.

FO. Gillespie received his early education at St. Michael's School in Oak Bay, and later at Brentwood College, where he won a scholarship for Victoria College, which, however, was not taken up, as he continued his studies at Brentwood, attaining honors in his senior matriculation.

Immediately on reaching his 18th birthday he joined the R.C.A.F., and after training at various stations in Canada, received his wings and commission at No. 11, S.F.T.S., Yorkton, Sask. He proceeded overseas in February, 1943, being assigned to coastal command as an R.C.A.F. fighter pilot.

Before enlisting, FO. Gillespie was an outstanding athlete, playing football and three-quarter back in rugby, and at 37 was considered rep. material. He also showed fine promise as a golfer.

His eldest brother, Lieut. Alastair Gillespie, R.C.N.V.R., is at present on convoy duty in the Atlantic, while his younger brother, Andrew, is studying medicine at McGill University. His sister, Catriona, is attending St. Margaret's School.

Churchill Sends Thanks for Greetings

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Churchill has sent his "warm thanks" to those who sent him Christmas greetings and messages of cheer during his recent illness, his official residence said tonight.

Worth Joining Navy League

"It is worth joining the Navy League if it only means relieving, just once, the homesickness of a boy like so many of those who have gone from us," said Capt. P. W. McMurray of the Victoria branch now campaigning for 40,000 new members in the Greater Victoria area.

"They don't think of themselves as heroes, these boys, in their teens, so many of them," he continued. "They think of their homes, their families and far-off firesides, even as you and I."

"Those who have picked them

up tell me that numbed, wet and weary men in lifeboats don't cry aloud for help—that men picked up half frozen, oil covered and exhausted from the sea are often inarticulate. We know, too, that the men who fight the convoys through and lose their possessions, if not their lives, are, for the most part, modest men who voice no claims upon us for duty done."

"Nevertheless, the survivors' kits, ditty bags, small comforts at sea, and hospitality ashore in places such as Prince Robert House, all provided by the Navy League, are deeply appreciated."

Gen. McNaughton, Ailing, Retires, Gen. Stewart Acting Army Commander

OTTAWA (CP)—With the big United Nations military operations for 1944 on the horizon, the chief architect of the Canadian Army, Lt. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, has stepped out of command, leaving a prospect of other shifts in high-ranking places.

Defence Minister Ralston announced Gen. McNaughton had been relieved of command of the 1st Army overseas because he had advised the government "of his inability physically to carry on."

Lt. Gen. Kenneth Stuart, Chief of the General Staff, who accompanied Col. Ralston to England recently and remained behind, has been appointed acting army commander pending the appointment of Gen. McNaughton's successor.

To Gen. Stuart also goes the permanent appointment to the new post of Chief of Staff, Canadian Military Headquarters in London. Thus the post of Chief of the General Staff at Ottawa becomes vacant with Maj. Gen. J. C. Murchi, Vice-Chief, carrying on as acting chief as he has since Gen. Stuart went overseas.

Col. Ralston returned by air Friday from an extended trip overseas during which he visited troops in Italy and held his usual conferences with Canadian army leaders and British and other military and civilian executives.

ITALIAN COMMAND

Col. Ralston also revealed that Lt. Gen. H. D. G. Crerar commands the Canadian Corps in Italy, formation of which was announced Sunday.

The various announcements made no reference to possible changes in the importance of the post Gen. McNaughton has held, but that point may be clarified by Col. Ralston today or later in the week.

Since the dispatch of one corps of the two-corps army to the Mediterranean front the question has arisen whether the Canadian Army will fight as such under a single army command.

If the other corps should participate in operations expected to open in western Europe it would, presumably, form part of some larger United Nations command as the Canadian Corps in Italy forms part of the British 8th Army.

The responsibilities of Canadian military headquarters in London, of which Gen. Stuart now becomes permanent head, have been growing with the increasing number of troops overseas and the separation of the troops as between Britain and the Mediterranean theatre.

Sunday night's announcement



WILL TAKE REST — Lt. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton.

said Maj. Gen. P. J. Montague, a Manitoba judge in civilian life, who has been chief in London, will continue with Gen. Stuart as Major-General in Charge of Administration and as Judge Advocate General, Canadian Army Overseas.

GETS LONG LEAVE

Col. Ralston said Gen. McNaughton, who led the 1st Division overseas in December, 1939, and built it up first into a corps and then into a two-corps army with five divisions and two army tank brigades, has been granted several months' leave of absence from service.

He said it is hoped the general's unusual talents will be available later in some capacity less exacting than command of an army in the field.

The senior Canadian officer overseas in point of experience and rank now is Lieut. Gen. Crerar, who commands the corps in Italy.

High tribute to Lieut. Gen. McNaughton's work was paid by Prime Minister King in a statement which said few people realized the great strain under which he has been working, a strain made greater by the loss of a son in action with the air force.

"Gen. McNaughton's health has prevented him from carrying on, as he would have wished, until the end of the war," said Mr. King.

Storm Warnings

Small-craft warnings were ordered at 8 a.m. today at all weather bureau stations on the Oregon and Washington coasts, and were renewed in the Strait of Juan de Fuca from Tacoma to Port Townsend, says a Seattle dispatch.

1 Corps Still Fights in Italy, Says Ralston

OTTAWA (CP)—The present intention is that the 1st Canadian Army, with a new commander, will function as an army in operations now being projected under Gen. Dwight Eisenhower as supreme Allied commander, Defence Minister Ralston said today at a press conference.

The minister received some 20 newspaper reporters in his office to give a detailed account of his visit to the troops in Italy. He said he had found them in good spirit but, in many cases, working under "pretty grim" conditions.

The minister had nothing to add to Sunday night's announcement of the retirement of Lt. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton as 1st Army commander for health reasons which had brought about this development.

"The reality of Gen. McNaughton's impairment of health is too well established to leave any doubt as to the reason for his retirement," he said.

This statement was made in reply to a query as to whether there was truth in a published report that Gen. McNaughton was retiring as a result of differences with Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery.

The fact that one corps from the Canadian Army is in Italy is no reason for the army not operating as such, he said. He predicted appointment of a permanent successor to Gen. McNaughton. Lt. Gen. Kenneth Stuart has assumed temporary command.

Gen. Montgomery To Move From Italy

The Canadian Army would likely function as one of the British group of armies under command of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery whose move from command of the 8th Army in Italy to command the British group under Gen. Eisenhower for the impending western European operations was announced at the week-end.

With a new supreme Allied commander and a new commander for the British group, it was not known yet what dispositions they would want to make of their troops, but the present intention was that the 1st Army would operate under Canadian command.

"The situation now is that we have in Britain an army less one corps," said Col. Ralston.

He said an army, in the technical sense, consists of two or more corps but also of a headquarters and a group of army and line of communications troops which maintain connections between the corps at the front and the headquarters.

Appointment of Lieut. Gen. Stuart as chief of staff at Canadian military headquarters in England was intended to relieve the new army commander, "whoever he is," of some of the responsibility for matters of policy which had been borne by Gen. McNaughton.

O.C. Soccer

LONDON (CP)—The greatest crowds of the English soccer season—nearly 500,000 for 37 games—watched combined League cup and League South play today.

One large crowd saw Blackpool, champions of the League North, held to a 2-to-2 draw by Blackburn in the first round cup match.

Manchester United moved into the second round easily, trouncing Halifax 6 to 2. Other cup results included Aston Villa 2, Northampton 1; Newcastle 4, Sunderland 2, and Bath 3, Cardiff 2. The day's largest crowd, 25,000, witnessed the Newcastle-Sunderland game.

There were nine League South games. In the featured matches West Ham defeated Chelsea 3 to 0 and Tottenham Hotspurs defeated Fulham 2 to 0. West Ham and the Spurs are tied for the leadership and their meeting next Saturday may decide the title.

Arsenal was held to a 1-to-1 draw by Millwall.

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Cowichan Landmark Destroyed By Fire

DUNCAN—The big log house of R. M. Rounds, of the Lake Logging Co., a landmark in the Cowichan Lake district for about 60 years, was destroyed by fire with all its contents.

The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Farnett who served as caretakers.

A re-outbreak of a chimney fire was blamed for the destruction of the two-story home, known during various periods of its history as "Ashburnham Place" and "Bailey Place."

The Farnetts worked desperately to save the furniture after the fire got a strong hold on the second floor but were forced to flee to a nearby float house when Mr. Farnett suffered burns to his hands while attempting to drag furniture to safety.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Six persons were injured, one of them fatally, in traffic accidents here at the Christmas weekend. James J. Jansen, 11, died this morning from injuries suffered when he was struck by an auto Sunday night.

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Montgomery Formu'a for Victory Calls for Triumph in Air First

ALLAN NICKLESON of the Canadian Press London bureau has returned from a tour of the Mediterranean area with other Empire newsmen. In the following story, which was held up by mutual agreement until the correspondents returned to London, he tells of a meeting with Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of the British-Canadian 8th Army. Nickleson, 30 years old, has been in London since February, 1942.

By ALLAN NICKLESON
LONDON (CP)—The first principle of war is that the battle in the air must be won before the land or sea battle is fought. Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery told a group of Empire war correspondents at his headquarters in Italy.

It was the first public elaboration by the 8th Army commander on the tremendous role of air power. Gen. Montgomery has just been named as Commander-in-Chief of the British armies serving under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in the latter's new position as supreme Allied commander of the forces designed to invade Europe from the west.

Paying a monumental tribute to the Allied air forces, Gen. Montgomery said that "when you fight a good enemy—and the German is very, very good—I don't believe a land army can operate without full support of an air force."

Win Air Fights Before Land Battles

"I've never fought a land battle until the air battle was won," he added, "I believe that to be the first principle of war."

The general granted the interview to 10 Empire newsmen on a tour of the Mediterranean war theatre at headquarters within sound of the front line guns.

(The views stated in the interview are believed to be among those which Gen. Montgomery expressed in a recently written thesis on the relation of air to land power. That work has not been made public.)

The second most important regulation governing a battle, he said, was that the army and air units must be so knitted as to form one entity.

"The resultant military effort will be so great that nothing can stand against it," he said. "The Allied air force at the side of the fighting machine must be centralized and kept under air force command. I hold it is quite wrong for the soldier to be told to exercise command over the air force."

"Two staffs—army and air—must fit together and there must be between them complete mutual confidence and trust. Each must understand the problems and difficulties of the other and they have to be good friends. If there is any friction they're done. A fighting machine is a very delicate thing."

Speaking of the army reconnaissance air wing, the general said "it's almost our life blood" and added that if it is neglected "the army only fights with one eye."

As an example of the use of air striking power in a land engagement, he said that during the battle of the Sangro River a group captain on the ground directed the fighter-bombers to targets "which needed treatment at the moment." In that instance, the army selected the enemy positions it wanted cleared.

In general, he said an army commander directs the military effort of the combined army and air power and the air force commander who works with him applies the air effort in accordance with the combined plan.

Fighter-Bombers Prove Great Factor

"A very big battle-winning factor has been participation of the fighter-bomber in the actual land battle," he said.

Referring to some of the difficulties encountered in waging war against a mobile line, he said there had been occasions when Allied fighters and bombers had attacked Allied troops.

"Great steps were taken to try and stop it, but it is almost inevitable," he added.

Linking of air and land powers began in north Africa and has been geared to a "high pitch," said Gen. Montgomery.

"We never talk of air co-operation now, because the two things are one," he added while Spitfires out on patrol wheeled overhead. "There is no question of co-operation. When you are one entity, the word co-operation does not exist."

Speaking of smashing the German winter line in Italy, Gen. Montgomery said "we had a bit of a party to get it." He added: "It is a very good example of how you can't do things unless you have the air force behind you."

"The air bombing and artillery barrages the Germans received were terrific," he spoke with pride of his be-

loved 8th Army. Mentioning the Canadians along with others who made up his force, he said: "This is an Imperial army in the best sense of the word and the soldiers of the Empire are the best soldiers in the world."

He warned that "the German soldier is fighting very well and there is no indication of the end of the war."

Canadians Fighting Battle of Ortona Street By Street

By JOSEPH DYNAN
ALGIERS (AP)—Tanks pressed today into the fierce house-to-house struggle for possession of Ortona, the Adriatic peg of the present German line in Italy, where Canadian 1st Division troops occupied two more blocks in the northwest corner of the small port which the Germans have turned into a "little Stalingrad."

Nazi forces attempted to infiltrate into the southwest corner of the port, which has a normal population of 9,000, but they were discovered and beaten off. The Allied communiqué said the conquest was proceeding "street by street."

The fight for Ortona went through its eighth day Sunday, with the Germans stubbornly dug in in cellars and sewers.

VILLA GRANDE TAKEN

Five miles inland from Ortona, and a mile north of the Ortona-Rosogna Road, Indian troops of Gen. Montgomery's 8th Army completed their seizure of Villa Grande. The Indians took 25 German soldiers and three officers prisoners, and beat off two German columns which counter-attacked with tanks. This thrust by the Indian troops is aimed at Tollo, two miles back of the German lines, on a secondary road paralleling the coast.

Columns of smoke arising from Tollo disclosed the Germans apparently were searching that town before withdrawing.

All along the 8th Army front troops heard the continuous roar of artillery and mortar fire.

On the western end of the front U.S. troops of the Anglo-American 5th Army, attacking in driving rain, captured two important high points in the Mount Smauro mass along the stoutly-defended road that leads to Cassino and from there to Rome. The Americans also wedged in closer to the village of San Vittore, halfway between Mignano and Cassino.

WARSHIPS BUSY

British destroyers, operating off the Yugoslav coast to keep communications open with Partisan forces there, shelled the coastal town of Drenik just northwest of Split, Thursday night and sank a small boat.

Meanwhile, U.S. two-engine bombers blasted the railway yards along the line connecting Florence with the west coast railway without meeting fighters or anti-aircraft fire.

They hit Prato and Pistola, 10 and 15 miles northwest of Florence on the north branch of the two-way line to Pisa and Leghorn and tore up the tracks in the yards at Empoli, about 10 miles southwest of Florence, on the south branch.

Bombers also attacked the yards at Pisa and Portonova Saturday.

Berlin Still Burns From Christmas Eve

STOCKHOLM (AP)—A private Berlin dispatch to the newspaper Aftonbladet said the German capital still burned today from the Christmas Eve raid by the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. Two thousand bombs have been recovered, it said.

A million Berliners have received emergency rations during the last three days, the dispatch continued.

Sgt. Vincent Knox Killed Overseas

Sgt. Vincent Knox, son of Mrs. Violet Knox and grandson of Maj. and Mrs. W. Taylor, 2239 Oak Bay Avenue, and of Mrs. L. A. Knox and the late L. A. Knox, Duncan, is reported killed on active service Dec. 20. Sgt. Knox was educated at St. Michael's, Monterey and Oak Bay High schools and joined the R.C.A.F. on reaching his 18th birthday. He received his wings as an air gunner at Macdonald, Man., and arrived overseas in May of this year.

Estevan Death

ESTEVAN, Sask. (CP)—William Gill, 58, a resident of the Estevan district, died in the hospital here during the week-end, following head injuries received in a mine cave-in Dec. 22.

In Italian Campaign



L. Cpl. Joseph E. Downey, 27, son of Mrs. J. R. Downey, 342 Michigan Street, is now serving as a signaller with the Canadian Army in Italy. Before joining up he attended the College of the Pacific at Stockton, California, where he won the college boxing championship.

L. Cpl. Downey married Margaret Witham, daughter of Mrs. E. Witham and the late Lieut. Witham of Grotton, Oldham, last April while stationed in England.

U.S. Steel Plants Idle As 120,000 Workers On Strike

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Approximately 120,000 steel workers were reported idle in the United States today as widespread work stoppages curtailed operations in a large part of the industry despite an urgent appeal from President Roosevelt for a speedy settlement.

More than half of the absentees were in Ohio, where the stoppage hit big plants; but the movement spread also to mills in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Indiana, Michigan and New York.

The stoppages occurred mostly in the ranks of 350,000 workers at 214 plants whose contracts with the C.I.O.-United Steel workers of America expired Christmas Eve. Largely unaffected were 150,000 other workers, including those of the world's largest producer, U.S. Steel Corporation, whose contracts still have several days to run.

A U.S. Steel spokesman said, however, absenteeism was running between 6 and 8 per cent—more than double the normal rate. The company blamed "possible individual sympathizers and normal post-holiday layoffs by individuals," and added operations were not curtailed.

Jap Premier Warns Situation Serious

NEW YORK (AP)—Premier Hideko Tojo told the Upper House of the Japanese Diet today that the Allied "counter-offensive has become real and serious and fierce fighting is raging at various fronts," the Tokyo radio said in a broadcast recorded by U.S. government monitors.

In another broadcast, the Tokyo radio told the Japanese people recent Allied operations in the south Pacific had brought the war to "the decisive stage in which the rise or fall of our nation will be decided."

The premier insisted the Japanese army and navy were "repulsing the enemy counterattacks wherever confronted."

Emperor Hirohito formally opened the 84th session of the Diet Sunday, declaring that "the war situation is most serious" and that Japan must bring to bear total effort to defeat "the inordinate ambitions of the enemy."

Bangkok Blasted By Allied Planes

NEW DELHI (CP)—R.A.F. and U.S. heavy bombers, flying as one team in huge formations, attacked Bangkok, capital of Thailand, Thursday night and set fires visible 100 miles away, the Southeast Asia Command announced today.

Many hits were scored on the railway station, yards and adjacent buildings and in the arsenal area in this city blow at Bangkok, the communiqué said.

Japanese airmen, striking back in a raid on Chittagong, India just over the border from Burma, lost five planes to Allied fighters and another to anti-aircrafts, while inflicting light damage and casualties on the city.

Apparently in support of U.S. and Chinese forces carving a new "Burma Road" through north Burma, American fighters and fighter-bombers carried out an intensive, three-day bombing and strafing attack on enemy positions throughout the Kukuwung valley. The assaults began Dec. 22 and continued through Christmas Eve.

Canadian National Railways Do Immense War Job In 1943

By R. C. VAUGHAN
Chairman and President C.N.R.

Although when the final figures for 1943 are available, they will show that both the operating net revenues and cash surplus of the Canadian National Railways will surpass all previous records in the system's history by substantial margins, there is equal cause for satisfaction in the evidence, which these results reflect, of the mounting importance of the company's contribution to the war effort of the nation.

In 1942 the system's gross revenues were \$375,000,000. After the payment of operating expenses the net operating revenue was \$86,000,000, and after payment of taxes, fixed charges, etc., the surplus for the year was \$25,000,000. Some weeks must elapse before the accounts for the year 1943 can be completed, but the present indications are gross revenues will be in the neighborhood of \$440,000,000. When the annual report for the year 1943 is available it will be found that after payment from revenue of all operating expenses (including large amounts carried to reserves), taxes, fixed charges, interest due to the government on loans, etc., net operating revenue and the overall surplus have been substantially increased over the 1942 figures.

RESOURCES TAXED

All the resources of the company, human and material, have been utilized to the utmost to handle the immense flow of traffic: freight and passenger, that developed during the year as the tempo of war quickened. How vast that flow has been, may be gauged by the following tabulations:

Year	Freight Traffic In Millions of Ton	Percentage of Increase in 1943
1943	36,233 (estimated)	
1942	31,729	14.2%
1939	17,084	112.1%
1938	11,550	213.7%
1937	23,041	57.3%
1917	14,951	142.3%

Year	Passenger Traffic In Millions of Passenger Miles	Percentage of Increase in 1943
1943	3,633 (estimated)	
1942	2,708	34.2%
1939	875	315.2%
1938	665	446.3%
1937	1,541	135.8%
1917	1,558	133.2%

Further understanding of the 1943 operating performance of the system is to be gained through knowledge of the fact that the volume of business recorded above was handled by a staff which only numbered 7.5 per cent more than in 1942; with a decrease of 0.2 per cent in the number of locomotives owned and with increases of only 2.4 per cent and of 1.6 per cent respectively in the numbers of freight and passenger cars owned by the company. While the figures do not tell the complete story because of improvements in equipment, roadbed and so forth, that have been made since, nevertheless, it is interesting to observe that the vastly increased war traffic on the Canadian National Railways in 1943 was handled with 16.6 per cent fewer locomotives, 15.5 per cent fewer freight cars, and 4.7 per cent more passenger cars than was the traffic of 1917, a comparable year of the last World War.

These few salient facts serve to prove the vital importance of the company's value to the war effort, and it is to be hoped they will also support the view that a considerable extent of the ability of the property to absorb increased responsibility is dependent upon its obtaining necessary manpower, equipment and material for maintenance. While it has been made known that problems of this nature do exist and provide causes for growing anxieties, the management in many instances has endeavored to get along with the use of substitute materials and with diminishing staffs. However, there are limits to the strain that both men and materials can endure.

MANPOWER SHORTAGE

During the year the company received delivery of 28 locomotives, 2,757 freight train cars and 59 passenger cars. Thirty-seven additional locomotives and 6,400 freight train cars were ordered during the year but were not delivered. The track and roadbed were maintained in a safe operating condition, despite serious shortages of manpower and material during the year. In the fourth campaign, 68,744 employees of the system, including T.C.A. purchased \$8,825,000 worth of bonds. In the fifth campaign 80,361 employees purchased bonds to the amount of \$8,599,600. The percentage of employees on the payroll subscribing to the loan was 96.6. The total sum of money that Canadian National employees invested in Victory Bonds through company channels during the year was therefore, \$15,424,600, over and above purchases of War Savings Certificates. In the fifth loan the company subscription, including employees pension fund was \$18,031,950, making a total subscription of \$26,656,550 for management and employees. The total of company and employee subscriptions to the two loans issued during the year was \$46,041,150. It is especially gratifying to note that bond purchases included substantial sums from men and women who, after many years of faithful service, have retired on pension.

In addition to these splendid manifestations of their loyalty to the nation, many thousands of employees have also accorded generous and consistent support to the Red Cross, blood donor clinics, etc., and through their own groups to the welfare of the men and women on active service and their families here and overseas, by regular donations of reading materials, cigarettes, food, clothing and toys. These are efforts that deservedly have won high praise.

The record of the company's

able grade crossing situation in the heart of the city. The use of electric power for the movement of trains in and out of the station caused a reduction of the smoke nuisance and in that respect, also, the new station marks a desirable step forward in civic development. As the station has been designed to support large structures on the overhead rights surrounding it for several blocks, it provides the city with an opportunity to create a civic centre of magnitude and beauty superior to anything in Canada.

REAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

The system has also been privileged to assist the war effort by other means than the provision of transportation by land and sea and, through its associate company, Trans-Canada Air Lines, by air. The Canadian National is truly a world-wide organization, operating railroads, airlines, steamships on the Atlantic and Pacific, lake steamers, express, commercial telegraphs, hotels, coal mines and a drydock and shipbuilding plant. The manufacture of naval guns and field artillery gun carriages that was started some years ago, has been continued with conspicuous success at the Point St. Charles shops. In its Pacific coast shipyards the company has met its schedules for the construction and repair of naval and cargo vessels. A number of hospital cars, in the designing of which the medical department of the company assisted, have already seen useful service and pride is felt in the splendid work that has been accomplished by Canada's hospital ship, the Lady Nelson, formerly the flagship of the company's West Indies fleet. The company was honored in being selected to provide extensive train and other services for Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt, Madame Chiang Kai-shek during their visits to Canada in 1943 and for a long list of other eminent men and women who are prominent in world affairs.

The management and staff are justly proud of the company's Honor Roll. Up to the first of December, 17,035 members of the system were on active service. A number of those in uniform have already fallen in the service of their country and to their families, deepest sympathy is expressed.

His Majesty the King has seen fit to decorate a number of Canadian National men in the armed forces and in the Merchant Navy and honors also have been bestowed upon civilian members for outstanding accomplishments in carrying out their railway duties. The vice-president of Trans-Canada Air Lines has been selected to undertake an important confidential mission for the chief of the United States Army Air Forces overseas.

AID VICTORY LOANS

The story of the Canadian National Railways' System and its affiliates during 1943, would be incomplete without acknowledgment not only of the efficient and forthright manner in which officers and employees have discharged their duties but of their support of the war effort as private citizens. This support was particularly evident during the fourth and fifth Victory Loan campaigns conducted by the government during the year. In the fourth campaign, 68,744 employees of the system, including T.C.A. purchased \$8,825,000 worth of bonds. In the fifth campaign 80,361 employees purchased bonds to the amount of \$8,599,600. The percentage of employees on the payroll subscribing to the loan was 96.6. The total sum of money that Canadian National employees invested in Victory Bonds through company channels during the year was therefore, \$15,424,600, over and above purchases of War Savings Certificates. In the fifth loan the company subscription, including employees pension fund was \$18,031,950, making a total subscription of \$26,656,550 for management and employees. The total of company and employee subscriptions to the two loans issued during the year was \$46,041,150. It is especially gratifying to note that bond purchases included substantial sums from men and women who, after many years of faithful service, have retired on pension.

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Ambulance Gas Thief Branded Meanest Man

DUNCAN—Theft of several gallons of gasoline from an ambulance, which might have had disastrous results to an injured person, has led to the branding of the unidentified robber as the meanest man of the Cowichan district.

The theft was discovered while the ambulance was taking a man injured at Mount Sicker to hospital in Duncan. J. A. Kyle, who was in charge, was able to secure a tow to hospital before the patient suffered any ill effects from a long wait in the cold on the mountainside.

The ambulance fuel tank is believed to have been tampered with while the vehicle was in Mr. Kyle's parking lot the day before the rush call.

More Canadian Troops In Italy, Says Report

TORONTO (CP)—The Daily Star in a newspaper story from Ottawa today, said it was understood in the capital that "the Canadian Armored 5th Division has joined the Canadian 1st Division in Italy, and that, in addition, there are auxiliary corps and other Dominion units there. It is understood these are being continually augmented and reinforced."

NEW YORK (AP)—Traffic accidents, with 216 fatalities, topped the sombre parade of violent deaths for the Christmas weekend in the United States, extending from 6 p.m., Friday, until last midnight.

The total for all violent deaths stood at 339, nine above the 330 recorded for the corresponding week-end last year.

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LONDON (AP)—Following is
the text of the King's Christmas
Day message to the Empire:

Once again, from our home in
England, the Queen and I send
our Christmas greetings and
good wishes to each one of you,
all the world over.

Some of you may hear me in
your aircraft, on board your
ships, or as you wait for battle
in the jungles of Pacific Islands
or in the Italian hills. Some of you
may listen to me as you rest
from your work or as you lie
sick or wounded in a hospital.

To many of you my words will
come as you sit in the quiet of
your homes. But wherever you
may be today, of all days in the
year, your thoughts will be in
listless places and your hearts
will be with those you love.

I hope that my words spoken
to them and to you may be the
bond that joins us all in one
company for a few moments on
this Christmas Day.

**'Good Luck, Stout Hart'
Is Royal Wish**

With this thought in my mind
I wish to all you who are on
service away from home good
luck and stout heart; to all who

wait for them to return, proud
memories and high hopes to keep
you strong; to all children here
and in the lands beyond the seas,
a day of real happiness.

I send these words of Christ-
mas greetings to all of you who
dwell within the family of the
British Commonwealth and Em-
pire.

But I know you would wish me
also to send a message of hope
to our Allies who fight with us,
and to all who in the loneliness
of exile or horror of invasion
look forward to our coming vic-
tory.

In the year that is almost
ended many things have hap-
pened under God's providence to
make us thankful for His
mercies.

The generous strength of the
United States of America; the
tremendous deeds of Russia; the
endurance of China under her
long ordeal; the fighting spirit of
France reborn; and the flower
of manhood and womanhood of
many lands that share burdens
of our forward march—all these
have played their part in the
brightening of our fortunes on
sea, on land, in the air.

Since I last spoke to you many
things have changed. But the

cast by defeat, we are not unduly
exhausted by victory. While we
have bright visions of the future
we have no easy dreams of days
that lie close at hand. We know
that much hard working and
hard fighting and perhaps harder
working and harder fighting than
ever before are necessary for
victory. We shall not rest
from our task until it is nobly
ended.

Meanwhile, within these
islands we have tried to be
worthy of our fathers; we have
tried to carry into the dawn the
steadfastness and courage you
safed to us when we stood alone
in darkness.

This is not the time for a
chronicle of our progress. But
there is one landmark in the
sombre, world-embracing battle-
field which I hope and I trust
may endure.

Wherever "their duty has
called our men and women, they
have gained new friends and
come to know old friends better.

They have learned to share
burdens and to read the hearts of
their neighbors; they have laid
the foundations of new friend-
ships between nations, and have
strengthened old ones formed
long ago.

As the result, there is spring-

sacrifice shall come power to re-
store and power to build anew.

'United in Action Heart and Mind'

I saw proof of this when I
visited North Africa last sum-
mer. I saw many thousands of
men of the United Nations united
in action, in heart, and mind; and
purpose. The only rivalry be-
tween them was in the service of
a great cause; their only aim
was defeat of a common enemy.

In the same spirit of unity,
men of diverse races have come to-
gether in the council chamber
and round the conference table;
some to meet the stern, immedi-
ate demands of war itself; others
to heal wounds that war deals to
all humanity—to feed the
hungry, shelter the homeless,
mend the broken and succor the
poor.

So as we see clouds breaking
on this Christmas Day, we
should take comfort from our
faith that out of desolation shall
rise a new hope, and out of strife
shall be born a new brotherhood.

From this ancient and beloved
festival we are keeping today,
sacred as it is to the home and
to all that home means to us,
we can draw strength to face the
future of a world riven by a

In the words of a Scottish
writer of our day:
"No experience can be too
strange and no task too formid-
able, if a man can link it up with
what he knows and loves."

Queen Wilhelmina's Message to Her People

LONDON (CP)—Queen Wil-
helmina told her people in oc-
cupied Holland in a Christmas
broadcast that "this is still a dark
Christmas, but through the op-
pressive darkness the light of a
better future is beginning to
show. There are many signs of
approaching victory. There will
be one last struggle, then the
brave, untiring fighters for lib-
erty and justice will have beaten
the enemy."

Japs Now Prepare To Intern Nazis

CHUNGKING (AP)—The edi-
tor of the Shanghai Evening Post
Mercury quotes a "recent ar-
rival" from Shanghai as saying
Japanese authorities there have
prepared internment camps into
which to put Germans when
Hitler is defeated. Nazis in
Shanghai were said to be selling
much of their property.

Analysis

By WILLIAM FRYE
Associated Press War Analyst

The opening of the second
great Russian winter offensive in
less than two weeks multiplies
the peril of all the Nazi armies
on the eastern front, and particu-
larly those in the Dnieper bend
and the Crimea.

Coupled with the powerful
thrust still advancing in the
Vitebsk area 350 miles to the
north, and the likelihood of still
a third great assault in the ex-
treme south, the resumption of
the Red Army offensive west of
Kiev suggests the entire German
line might collapse before the
Nazi commanders have completed
their preparations for with-
drawal to the Dniester.

It suggests, also, that Prime
Minister Churchill and President
Roosevelt have begun announc-
ing the command appointments
for invasion of western Europe
only because that invasion is so
near that however valuable the
knowledge of who is to lead it
might be to the Germans, the
announcements could not be de-
layed further. Indeed, none other
than Gen. Eisenhower now tells
us—and the Germans—in so
many words that we will win the
European war in 1944. The state-
men implies developments and
the Nazis are welcome to get
whatever comfort they can out
of that.

It seems clear on the basis of
the Teheran agreement of Mr.
Churchill, Mr. Roosevelt and Mar-
shal Stalin that the Anglo-Ameri-
can blow is to be struck while
the greatest possible number of
Nazi forces are fighting for their
existence in Russia. The Red
Army is on the move in great
strength on two fronts.

The great power of that Red
Army is shown by the offensive
west of Kiev. Having absorbed
vicious counterattacks for six
weeks, Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's
1st Ukrainian Army has broken
through the German lines along
a 50-mile front for gains of 25
miles in three days.

With that breakthrough, Va-
tutin not only threatens to retake
the railway junctions of Korost-
ten and Zhitomir, but is moving
again to flank the Germans in
the Dnieper bend. The latter
point could be the explanation
of the fury of recent German
counterattacks toward Kiev.

They may have been protective
attacks, forcing the Russians to
keep large numbers of reserve
troops in the vicinity of Kiev, and
therefore preventing the concen-
tration of sufficient Red Army
strength in the south to cut
through the Nazi lines there.

If that were the case, it is pos-
sible—though by no means cer-
tain as yet—that the Germans

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125	32.83	20.80	13.92	11.82	9.57
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to the south, possibly to rush
preparations for a general with-
drawal toward the Dniester and
the Bessarabian border.

Archbishop Deplores 'Misery and Horror'

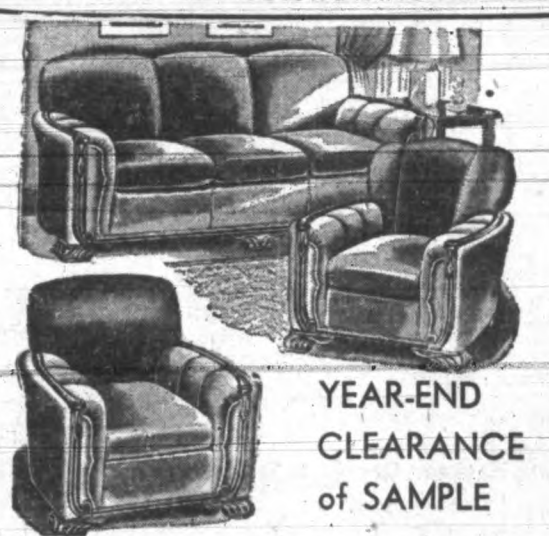
LONDON (AP)—The Arch-
bishop of Canterbury, lamenting
the "misery and horror" of the
bombing of Germany, declared in
a broadcast "we are bound to
take satisfaction in the achieve-
ments of our air crews, for when
it is a duty to fight it is the duty
also to fight effectively."

"But, on the misery and horror
of it all," he said, "The bitter
fruit of wickedness and the re-
fusal of the world to acknowl-
edge its rightful King."

The Archbishop predicted the
new year would bring "us near
to victory in Europe."

KARACHI, India (CP)—Ma-
homed Ali Jinnah, president of
the All-India Moslem League,
demanded at a league meeting
that Britain leave India and de-
clared "we shall never rest con-
tent until we seize territories be-
longing to us and rule over
them."

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a tendency to relax the tense-
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Two Able Generals

EISENHOWER AND MONTGOMERY have demonstrated to the Allied world in general and to the British and American public in particular that they have all the human and professional qualifications demanded by the gigantic task just assigned to them. The choice of the supreme commander is a happy one, not because the majority of the troops destined to play the major role in the assault against the western ramparts of Hitler's European citadel will be Americans, but for the reason that he has convincingly demonstrated an uncanny ability to weld diversified elements into a perfectly responsive machine.

Not until the history of this global war is finally compressed between the covers of many volumes will it be possible for the present generation and those yet unborn to understand and properly assess the events which began to unfold with the landing of Anglo-American troops on the shores of northwest Africa in the early days of November last year. Before that epochal invasion was a month old, however, General Eisenhower became the target for so-called expert and neophyte alike. Both the State Department in Washington and the Foreign Office in London fell foul of the political dogmatists because the man on the spot had been permitted to deal with Darlan and others of his ilk. And what a time the columnists had to be sure; they must have soaked their typewriter ribbons in sulphuric acid. Somehow or other, nevertheless, the unassuming and studious soldier, who had been given an enormously important and difficult job, did it; and none of the dire consequences predicted came to pass.

In future, perhaps, the remote-control strategists—both political and military—will temper their advice and criticism with the knowledge that 14 months of Gen. Eisenhower in the western and central Mediterranean have produced: First, the exposure of the "soft-underbelly" of the Axis, on which Mr. Churchill had set a good deal of store; second, the puncture of the central section of the southern European coastline; third, the complete deflation and subsequent removal of the first of the dictators; fourth, the unconditional surrender of Italy, the first fruits of the Casablanca dictum; and, fifth, the conversion of one enemy state into a "co-belligerent" friend. And a sixth achievement, parenthetically, is the eclipse of the long-range "experts."

Of the man who will have charge of the British groups under Generalissimo Eisenhower, very little can be said that does not border on the presumptuous. General Sir Bernard Montgomery obviously was the logical choice to work with the American whose procedure and methods he knows so well. "Monty" has carved a niche for himself in military annals which has enshrined his name with a lustre that time will never dim. His, too, is an imperishable record—but over a longer period—because of the characteristics which have enabled him to co-ordinate the world's most superb fighting machine composed of elements from every part of the British Commonwealth of Nations and Empire.

Eisenhower and Montgomery, then, are expert co-ordinators, by instinct and temperament, while both have demonstrated their individual capacities in the exacting crucible of performance. Hence, with their background of practical achievement, their appointments as joint leaders in the greatest military adventure of its kind in all time bodes nothing but ill for Adolf Hitler and his "Festung Europa."

The Farmer Comes Back

FROM THE LOW POINT OF A DECADE ago, following the depression, the agricultural community of Canada has been coming back in a record of recovery, almost unbroken. The last year, between Sept. 30, 1942, and Sept. 30, 1943, we now learn, has been the best of the ten years.

Over this period, farm cash income has almost tripled, according to the farm statistics kept year by year by the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Cows have risen less than 50 per cent, thus practically doubling the net farm purchasing power since the depression low of 1933.

During the last year, there was a rise in farm purchasing power of 26 per cent, from an index of 90 for the crop year ending September, 1942, to 114 for the comparable period of 1943. This purchasing power is computed from the elements of farm income and costs. During the year, farm income rose by about one-third, the index climbing from 89 to 121, with costs rising only from 99 to 106. The price of farm products averaged 16 per cent higher than in the preceding year, the increase in field crops being 19 per cent and in animal products 13 per cent. Value of marketings of coarse grains was more than tripled. Returns from the sale of wheat alone were more than 70 per cent higher.

The steady improvement in agriculture has been passing almost unnoticed, overshadowed by the spectacular gains in other lines of industry, stimulated by war orders. However, from a long-range economic point of view, the recovery in agriculture is probably the more important, since it is funda-

is over, we shall again gauge our business prospects year by year by the state of our farming communities and their purchasing power. In the meantime, it is highly satisfactory to know that the farmers are once more doing well and that the basis of our economy is thus sound.

Incidentally, in the farm returns as presented in the bank's analysis is to be found the explanation of the better financial position of small communities as well as individuals throughout the middle west. There are reports of town after town coming forward to wipe out debts which had been listed as defaulted. Supply houses are experiencing the pleasant surprise of now being paid in full for accounts which they had written off.

End Of The Scharnhorst

WITH THE TIRPITZ SKULKING IN Norwegian waters, nursing wounds inflicted by Britain's "pocket" submarines a few months ago, the sinking of the Scharnhorst by ships of the Royal Navy yesterday reduces the remains of Hitler's fleet to virtual impotence—particularly in view of greatly increased British sea power.

The engagement which ended the life of this Nazi 26,000-ton battleship—and probably 1,500 crew members—took place in the neighborhood of the North Cape, on the supply route to Russia; and the fact that the Fuehrer risked a capital ship in his efforts to interfere with such important Allied convoys suggests the price he is ready to pay to give the home folk something about which to crow. But the men who sail under the white ensign had an old score to settle with the Scharnhorst; they have not forgotten how she and the Gneisenau and the Prinz Eugen left their sanctuary on the French coast and slipped through the Straits of Dover under cover of dense fog many months ago. They were presumed to be in such a battered condition—after almost ceaseless poundings in their refuge—that escape was impossible.

That is another story. It is sufficient to know that one of their number is now where she can do no further harm. Her sisters will come out into the open at their peril. But what will the Fuehrer say to his Grand Admiral Karl von Doenitz—the submarine wizard who promised new miracles under the sea?

For The German People

THREE PARAGRAPHS OF MR. ROOSEVELT's address to the world on Christmas Eve tears a large page out of the book of propaganda according to the gospel of the Herr Doktor Goebbels. It is those references to the German people, what is ordained for them after their military machine and its operators are no more, and what they have to gain by helping to rid themselves of their oppressors. Here are the three references which decent folk everywhere will applaud:

"We are united in determination that Germany must be stripped of her military might and be given no opportunity within the foreseeable future to regain that might."

"The United Nations have no intention to enslave the German people. We wish them to have a normal chance to develop in peace, as useful and respectable members of the European family. But we most certainly emphasize that word 'respectable.'"

"For we intend to rid them once and for all of Nazism and Prussian militarism and the fantastic and disastrous notion that they constitute the 'master race.'"

The "we" mentioned in the first of the foregoing, of course, alludes to the "Big Three" of Tehran, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Roosevelt and Marshal Stalin. The Herr Doktor Goebbels has instilled into the hearts and minds of the German people the fixed idea that an Allied victory means their inexorable annihilation and the end of all hopes of a Fourth Reich with anything but a permanent state of vassalage.

Naturally, the propagandists of Berlin will dilute the categorical language of the President with the overworked virus which, so far, at any rate, has returned good dividends to the Nazi regime. But the average German will not be fooled indefinitely. Italy's experience under Allied control—now a species of collaboration with Italians themselves—will, sooner or later, have its effect on the peoples of the Reich. It was good, in any event, that Mr. Roosevelt phrased the intentions of the United Nations in this regard in such simple language.

Silver Lining

AN ENGLISH CORONER ATTRIBUTES the one-third decrease in British suicides since 1939 to the fact that people are so anxious to see how the war will turn out that they want to go on living, no matter how sad they may be.

If the breathless interest of some of our neighbors is any indication, the same thing can be done for this continent by radio's "soap operas" in the blessed days of peace ahead. Even when the fate of Hitler and his gang has been sealed, the tribulations of radio heroines will continue to lure North Americans. The announcer's plea to "tune in again tomorrow" will still be an urgent invitation to living.

The average London boy of 12 today is 2.4 inches taller than his father at the same age; the average girl 2.1 inches taller and 13.4 pounds heavier than her mother at the same age. Expectation of life of a child born in Britain in 1901 was 45.9 years; that of a child born in 1931 had risen to 58.7 years. These figures of better physique and health reflect the effects of better diets and health conditions. Professor J. R. Marrack, chemical pathologist of London University, reports that wartime diet has had no harmful results on London children and that the improvement trend is continuing. This is a tribute to the organization of diet and the fair distribution of food in wartime Britain.

THEY ASK YOU

ON YOUR RETURN to the thoughtful and cultured atmosphere of Victoria you are immediately besieged by natives who desire to know the true inwardness of conditions in Ottawa. Specifically they ask how much liquor the eastern consumer is getting these days and when there is going to be a national election. Their interest is mainly in the first question.

That question, of course, I am unable to answer. I know nothing of the liquor ration, except what I am told by the unfortunate inhabitants who stand in long lines in front of the liquor stores, gasping with thirst. In fact, the phenomenon of the breadlines of the 1930's turning into the booze lines of the 1940's stretches all the way across the country. I have seen it in Victoria, in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. It is a kind of national folkway. But I only see it from a distance, with appropriate pity.

As for the next election, the government does not consult me either and seems determined to do as it pleases without regard to anyone's convenience. But I think it can be said that the election may be nearer than most people imagine. Unless something extraordinary happens, it should occur before June 19.

Now, June 19 is a mystical date in Canadian politics, a day marked on the calendar of every practicing federal politician. On June 19, the Legislature of Saskatchewan will die of old age. Its life has been revived once by legal invention, and extended for a year, but it now shows every evidence of dissolution; and the government of that province can hardly have the nerve to extend its career again and refuse the electors a chance to vote on it.

TO THE LEFT

SASKATCHEWAN, it appears, is turning sharply to the Left. The C.C.F. considers Saskatchewan its chief prize packet, an area where it will sweep aside the poor remains of the other parties and the last vestiges of a corroded capitalism, and begin the Great Experiment. Most practical politicians seem to agree that Saskatchewan very likely will return the first C.C.F. government in Canada, to which it is very welcome.

Herein lies a serious obstacle to the government of Mr. King. For it certainly would not do to let Saskatchewan go C.C.F. and then, on top of that disaster, call a federal election. Ontario having given the C.C.F. heavy support, and Saskatchewan having elected it, the Liberal party would hardly care to risk a general election in the face of such dismal portents.

Therefore, the opposition parties in Parliament are counting absolutely on the King government going to the country before June 19, before a Saskatchewan election. Of course, Mr. King does not consult the opposition parties in these matters. In fact, he hardly tells even his cabinet when he is going down to Rideau Hall to advise the dissolution of Parliament. But it may be taken for granted that the federal election will be held before that of Saskatchewan or long afterwards, when the bitter memories of Saskatchewan have been somewhat forgotten—assuming that Saskatchewan goes C.C.F. If it goes Liberal again, that would certainly encourage Mr. King to go to the country fast, if he hadn't gone already.

IN THE SPRING

THE PROSPECT of a spring election undoubtedly explains the present movement of cabinet ministers back to the native soil of politics. They are making their first political speeches since the war. Mr. Howe has gone far afield to proclaim, with his well-known optimism, that we can have the transition from war to peace without serious difficulty. Mr. Ilsley has been down to his Maritimes to rally the good old party. Mr. Ian MacKenzie has come out to British Columbia to denounce the tycoons and money powers for an alleged plot against the government. Mr. King has denied that Mr. MacKenzie is about to leave the ministry. Mr. Gardiner has been trying to revive his old magic of organization among the prairie farmers. Meanwhile the experts in Ottawa have been rushing preparation of a vast scheme of social insurance which is expected to sweeten the temper of the electorate before the poll.

In other words, the King government clearly is preparing to go to the country in a hurry if the need, the opportunity and the proper issue arise. A while ago it seemed to contemplate waiting for the end of the war in Europe, confident that this would not be long. Now, after the original wave of optimism about the war has subsided, and it is realized that Germany may fight for another year or longer, no government can time its election by the prospective date of the peace. It will have to depend on its record, its program and, perhaps, on a new issue injected into Canadian politics. Field Marshal Smuts may have provided this issue with his plan to centralize the British Commonwealth.

GENES OF THOUGHT—TIME

"Regret for time wasted can become a power for good in the time that remains. And the time that remains is time enough. If we will only stop the waste and the idle, useless regretting."—Arthur Brisbane.

"With each returning year, higher joys, holier aims, a purer peace and diviner energy should freshen the fragrance of being."—Mary Baker Eddy.

"In time there is no present, in eternity no future. In eternity no past."—Tennyson.
Dear Land to which Desire for ever flees, Time doth no present to our grasp allow. Say in the End Eternal shall we achieve At last the Feeling Now?—Bulwer-Lytton.

From Chicago Sun

As long as tales of American heroism are told, Tarawa will live among us. It is not only the sacrifice of American life on that island which awes us, nor is it only the victory that we celebrate. We honor an epic of bravery. The 500 yards they waded to the beachhead, under Japanese mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, seemed like a million miles," said Lt.-Col. Evans Carlson, and the hours of desperate fighting on the beach and inland, as the Marines finally drove on, must have seemed like years.

Yet Americans, with gaping wounds asked doctors to patch them fast, so that they could return to battle. Others charged on despite their wounds. A captain shot through both legs apologized to his superior officer for "letting him down." Tarawa will live with Guadalcanal, Wake Island, Bataan, Iwo, Sicily, Salerno, and with the bravest sea battles of the Pacific and Atlantic.

For the Japanese it was another harrowing discouragement. They started the war with the assumption that we were a rich, soft, easy people. Long since, they revised that judgment. The Japanese war lords and many of their followers know today, even more fully than before Tarawa, that the power of America's instruments of war is matched by the spirit of Americans.

BANK CAN SELL BEER

From Manchester Guardian
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Cranberries



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Cranberry sauce is practically a "must" for the holiday season and, just in case you haven't a good recipe handy, we give our favourite method in the panel opposite.

But there are other delightful ways of using this valuable fruit in meat dishes. For instance, now that fresh pork is a little more plentiful you might like to try these Cranberry Pork Chops. (If pork is still hard to get where you live, try the recipe with veal.)

4 pork chops 1/2 cup honey
1/2 tsp. salt 1/4 tsp. cloves
2 cups raw 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
cranberries

Brown pork chops in heavy frying pan. Season. Grind cranberries, mix with honey and spices—pour

over chops. Cover and cook slowly for 1 hour.
For more valuable meat recipes send 10¢ for "Meat Complete," Martha Logan's famous handbook of meat cookery, to Swift Canadian Co. Limited, Dept. New Westminster, N.K.S.D.

CRANBERRY SAUCE
2 cups water
2 cups granulated sugar
4 cups cranberries
Make a syrup of water and sugar and boil 5 minutes. Pick over and wash cranberries and add to syrup; cook, without stirring, until cranberries are tender and all skins have burst (about 5 minutes). Set sauce aside to cool, in saucepan in which it was cooked.

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THIS WAR—FOUR YEARS AGO
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If cold does not respond, see your doctor.

How To Make Lemon and Soda
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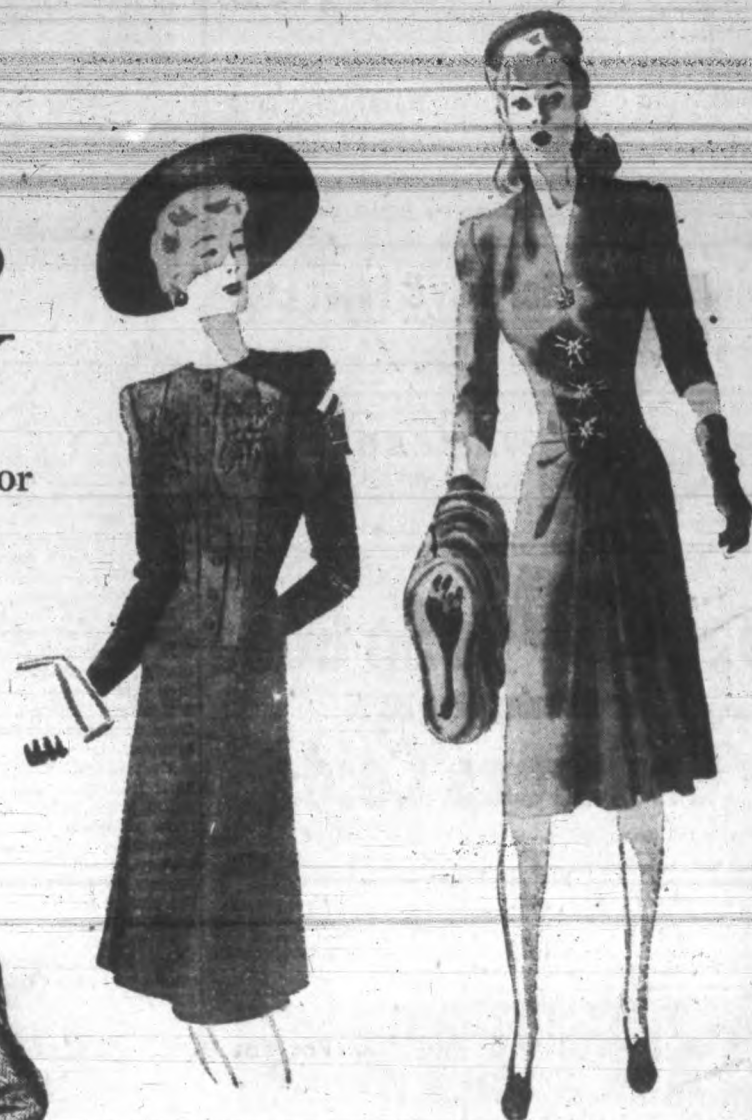
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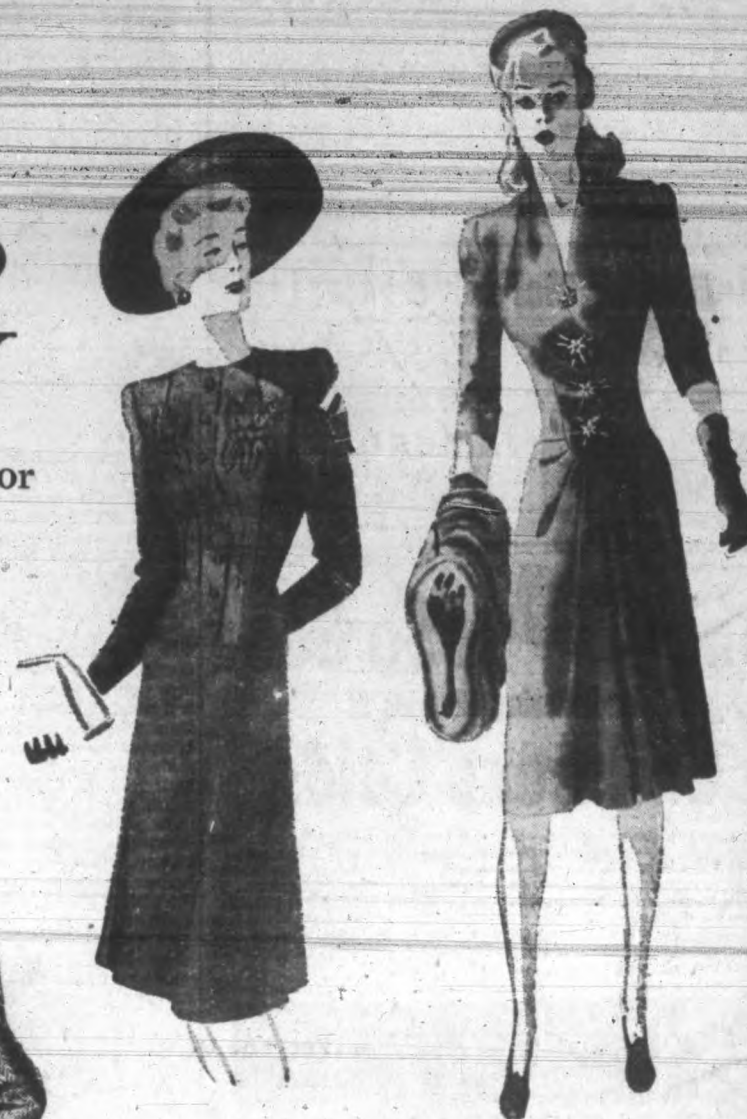
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Fifty years ago, December 26, 1893, William Raines and Alice Edith Mary Rand walked down the aisle of ancient St. John's Church in London to become man and wife.

Sunday at their home at 3800 Carey Road they quietly marked their golden wedding anniversary and recalled that happy day in their beloved London, which they have not seen for 37 years, since they left for Canada to make their home.

Because Mrs. Raines' health is not the best at present, the day was celebrated only by the family, but flowers and greetings poured in from friends far and near. Letters were received from people in London who had attended the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Raines were both born in London and grew up within sound of Bow Bells. They were young in one of the most interesting periods of London's history, when Queen Victoria was on the throne, and many are the stories they can tell of great and historic events they attended. In 1906 they came to Canada and to Victoria. Mr. Raines was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway here and later by Yarrows' Limited and Victoria Machinery Depot.

Mr. Raines' hobby has been the soil and growing things; he has one of the nicest gardens in his neighborhood. He is a wizard with roses and his peaches and apricots would win prizes in any show. His holly at this time of year is exceptionally fine. In his gardening activities he has had the quiet encouragement of his wife, who loves flowers as dearly as her husband. A few years ago one of the features of their garden was a display of Russell lupines, among the first grown on Vancouver Island, the seeds having been brought from England by their daughter when she returned from a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Raines have four children, three of them in Canada's navy—Sub-Lieut. Ada Raines, W.R.C.N.S., at present in the city from naval headquarters in Ottawa; Sub-Lieut. Fred Raines, R.C.N.V.R., in Newfoundland; CPO. Joseph Raines, R.C.N.V.R., in Victoria; Edgar Raines, foreman of a government machine shop in Seattle. They have six grandchildren.

Mr. Raines has been happy in Canada, which, she says, has been good to her, but she dearly loves London still and is determined she and her husband will go back for a visit when the war ends.

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Personal Notes

Maj. and Mrs. Larry Howard entertained informally Sunday at their home on Joan Crescent.

LAC. Harold Oswald Hincks R.C.A.F. Tofino, is spending Christmas leave at his home in Langford.

Spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Tofino is Michael MacDowell, who attends Victoria College.

Misses Doris and Marjorie Holmes have as their guests their brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. F. Faulkner of New Westminster.

Maj. R. D. Kimmond, R.C.E., and Mrs. Kimmond are spending the holiday season with Mrs. Kimmond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Riden, Wilmer Street, and are staying at the Sussex Apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howland, North Park Street, accompanied by the former's mother, Mrs. E. Howland and Mr. H. Yeoward spent Christmas in Seattle with relatives.

Mrs. J. E. B. Dickson, Empress Hotel, spent the holiday in Chilliwack with her son, Capt. Blair Dickson. On her return she will be a guest at the Hotel Vancouver for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gonnason, 290 Beach Drive, have as their guests for the Christmas holidays the late's aunt Mrs. E. V. Smith, and cousin Mr. Vernon Smith, Seattle.

Mrs. E. Attridge of Waskada, Man., has arrived here to spend the winter in Victoria, the guest of her two daughters, Mrs. Robert J. Porter, 1038 View Street, and Mrs. Willard Archibald, Edgewater Court, Parson's Bridge. Mrs. Attridge, whose home was originally in Ontario, has spent 60 years on the prairies.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Staples, 411 Vincent Avenue, with their two daughters, Heather and Flora, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Staples, Norcross Road, Duncan, for the holiday season. They are occupying the home of Mrs. A. H. Plows during their visit in Duncan, Mrs. Plows having come to Victoria for the holidays.

Miss Ena Lovick, whose marriage will take place this month, was guest of honor at a kitchen shower at the home of Miss Enid Browne, 1311 Point Street. Miss Norma Lovick presided at the tea table. Friends present were: Mesdames H. Lovick, W. M. Bolton, D. J. Hayhurst, G. E. Dey, R. D. Jones, L. Cox, S. Day and the Misses Ena and Norma Lovick, Dorothy and Gwen Cox, Marion and Joyce Dey, Maxine and Mona Bolton, Marion Jones, Phyllis Anthony and Phyllis Murgford.

Celebrate Golden Wedding Today



Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holling, who are receiving their friends today from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 9, in honor of their golden wedding anniversary, at their home on Shelbourne Street and Cedar Hill Road.

Their wedding was celebrated Dec. 27, 1893, by Rev. William Ravithorne at the Outhridge Parish Church, Yorkshire.

The bride was formerly Alice Ann Dean. Of a family of five children, two daughters survive, Mrs. Harold F. Lord, Victoria, and Mrs. Henry A. Stube, and three grandchildren, Dean, Patricia Ann and John Holling-Stube, Houston, Texas.

Mr. Holling was engaged in the steel business in Sheffield until 1906, when he came to Canada, settling in Winnipeg, with his family. After several years Mr. Holling went to Los Angeles and Hollywood, and later to Texas, where he manufactured ornamental iron, much of which was used on the homes of movie stars and wealthy oil magnates. In 1933 he returned to Canada and took up residence in Victoria. While in Winnipeg, Mrs. Holling was active in social service work and with her daughter, Mrs. Lord, she was one of the first women in Canada to receive a diploma in sanitary science from London, England.

Second Mile Club, home of Mrs. Pease, Government Street, Tuesday, 8.

Kipling Society, Tuesday, 8, 301 Union Building. Music and readings from Kipling's works, commemorating his birthday.

Langford Women's Institute, Tuesday, 2, Dunford Road Hall. Annual meeting.

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A Christmas Eve wedding was that of Kathleen Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lowe, Brentwood, and Mr. William Arthur Routledge, R.C.A.F. only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Routledge, Lougheed, Alta., which took place in South Saanich United Church, Rev. D. M. Perley performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. T. G. Griffiths of St. Aidan's United Church. Mrs. Josephine Gyllenspetz was at the organ, and Mrs. W. H. Wilson sang "Calm As the Night" while the bridal party was in the vestry.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and chose a powder blue tulle with matching veiled hat, beige accessories, and a corsage bouquet of white heather and pink rosebuds. Miss Miriam Shirley Lowe was her sister's only attendant, frocked in dusky rose, navy blue French beret, accessories in tone, and shoulder spray of Talisman roses. Lieut. Clifford Holloway, R.C.N.V.R., was groomsmen, and ushering were A. E. S. Bumpus and A. J. Lunt.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where they were assisted in receiving by the groom's parents from Lougheed, Alta. Rev. Griffiths proposed the toast to the bride, and Mrs. W. H. Wilson was the vocal soloist. Telegrams of congratulations were received from Capt. R. H. Lowe, R.C.A. S.C. Red Deer, Alta., and F.O. R. G. Routledge, R.C.A.F., Uluet, B.C.

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(Additional Theatre News on Page 13).

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U.S. Marines Make 2 Landings On Western Tip of New Britain

By ROBERT EUNSON
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS,
NEW GUINEA (AP)—United States Marines swarmed ashore in two simultaneous landings at Cape Gloucester on the western tip of New Britain Sunday to establish a second invasion front on Japan's island stronghold in the southwest Pacific.

Within two hours of both landings by veterans of the Guadalcanal campaign, headquarters announced today, both beachheads were firmly established without loss of a man.

Heavy aerial and naval bombardment accompanied the landings.

One U.S. ship was lost and three damaged in the operations. In addition to seven planes destroyed, the Japanese lost 36 bombers and 23 fighters in attempts to stem the invasion tide.

The landings, carried out early Sunday, not only gave the Allies the first foothold on the north coast of New Britain, but also secured domination of Vitiaz Strait between New Britain and New Guinea.

CUT RABAU SUPPLY

U.S. 6th Army troops severed the western route of the enemy supply lines from Rabaul, Japan's main base on New Britain, when they landed at Arawe on the southwest coast of the island, about 60 miles from Cape Gloucester.

The main landing on the cape was made near the foot of Target Hill, approximately six miles east of Cape Gloucester and its airfield. At the same time, a second Marine force went ashore a few miles southwest of Gloucester.

U.S. forces also occupied Song Island in Vitiaz Strait.

Reports from the headquarters of Maj. Gen. William S. Rupertus, commanding the invasion troops, said his men, the majority of them veterans of Guadalcanal, were systematically pushing through the jungle trails to Cape Gloucester.

The landings climaxed a series of aerial bombardments of a scale new to the Pacific theatre. Nearly 3,500 tons of bombs were dropped on the vulnerable Cape Gloucester area in almost daily raids beginning Dec. 1.

In beating off Japanese aerial counterattacks, Allied fliers showed the same superiority which marked heavy weekend raids on enemy bases on New Britain and elsewhere in the embattled Pacific area.

Allied planes shot down at least 71 and probably 90 Japanese aircraft in three attacks on Rabaul, north of New Britain, the Japanese lost one destroyer, two large cargo ships and other smaller craft.

ESCORT SHIP LOST

The one ship which the enemy managed to sink off the Cape Gloucester beachheads—a small escort vessel—was caught by a direct hit. The three others suffered minor damage from near misses.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, in a special communique, said the Cape Gloucester campaign presages the Allies' growing command of the outer Bismarck Sea on the sea lane to Truk, the Philippines and the Netherlands East Indies. "By advancing our air bases, it increases the air threat to Rabaul's supply lanes and will shortly bring the Kavieng and Admiralty Islands area within the decisive reach of land-based air attack."

The Admiralty Islands are west of New Britain. The principal landing on Cape Gloucester was between Borger Bay and Silima Point, directly ahead of Target Hill and east of Cape Gloucester. Both points have been singled out in the continuing aerial blows which softened up the area for the landings.

A subsidiary beachhead was established across the tip of the island and south of Dampier Strait.

8-MILE BEACHHEAD

The invasion was in much stronger force than at Arawe. The latest assault, in fact, was said to be comparable to the Bougainville operation in the northern Solomons. Americans who landed on Bougainville Nov. 1 now have a beachhead of more than eight miles long, and the Japanese have shown signs of evacuating the southern half of the island.

MacArthur's use of marines in the southwest Pacific as attached to Gen. Walter C. Krueger's 6th Army came as such a complete surprise to the enemy that they had a bomber flight in the air headed for Arawe, even 40 minutes after the marines were on the beach.

The operation began Christmas night when a large force put to sea. A protecting fleet of destroyers, cruisers and amphibious craft slid into position. The naval

forces were commanded by Vice Admiral Thomas C. Kincaid, southwest Pacific naval commander.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Boeing edged out North Shore 3 to 2 in an Anderson Cup semi-final match here Christmas Day. In the final New Year's Day Boeings will meet the winners of the St. Andrew's St. Saviors game today.

Timmis Criticizes Split of Receipts

HAMILTON (CP)—Brian Timmis, who guided Hamilton Flying Wildcats to the national football championship in his first year as coach of a senior team, said Sunday night he will not coach any team in future with which "Sammy Manson" is connected.

In an interview, the once-great Hamilton lineman expressed dissatisfaction with the split of team receipts arranged by Manson, president of the Hamilton club. One player received \$300,

Timmis said, while two others got nothing.

13 Logging Unions Sign Agreements

NANAIMO—Agreements for logging and sawmill employees were signed Saturday by officials of the I.W.A. for presentation to the operators at a later date. Thirteen locals were included in the pact, the following companies being affected:

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Weather Machine Found

DUNCAN—Observed by Joan Palmer, Drinkwater Road, a parachute bearing a radio weather machine, released from Tatoosh,

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Apostoli, Ortiz Tops

NEW YORK (AP)—With a nod to bantamweight champion Manuel Ortiz as the year's stand-out civilian swatter, Ring Magazine Sunday named boatswain's mate Fred Apostoli, the former middleweight boss, as boxing's "Man of the Year" for 1943.

Announcement of the top award to San Francisco's Fred who does his fighting now with a turret gun on one of Uncle Sam's battle wagons, and a "secondary award" to Ortiz was made in a copyright article containing the magazine's 19th annual rankings of all fighters to be published in the Ring's February issue.

Accompanying the "Boxer of the Year" nomination for Apostoli, Ring publisher Nat Fleischer wrote that Fred has "seen plenty of service" in the South Pacific, has been "through the thick of the fighting" for the past year, and has also "been coaching boxers and achieving amazing results in the line of morale."

Ortiz, husky El Centro (Cal.) clouter, won the "secondary award" for taking the 118-pound championship and successfully defending it eight times during the year.

TOP FIGHTERS
As its selections of the No. 1 fighters in all divisions for 1943, the magazine listed:

Heavyweight—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland.

Light-heavyweight—Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Cal.

Middleweight—Jake Lamotta, New York.

Welterweight—Ray Robinson, New York and U.S. Army.

Lightweight—Tie between Angott and Jack.

Featherweight—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn., and U.S. Navy.

Bantamweight—Ortiz.

Flyweight—Jackie Paterson, Scotland, and R.A.F.

As world champions, active and inactive, the magazine named heavyweight Joe Louis; light-heavyweight, Gus Lesnevich, now in the coastguard; middleweight, Tony Zale, Navy; welterweight, Freddie (Red) Cochrane, Navy; lightweight, vacant; bantamweight, Ortiz; flyweight, Paterson.

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Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

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will make what is expected to be their final appearance on local ice, before the blackout of all air force teams in Canada, as ordered by Ottawa, comes into effect.

A large holiday crowd will be on hand to bid the Flyers adieu.

Air force teams have always been popular with local hockey followers and their passing from the Coast League is a tough blow.

In previous seasons the Flyers have always been the underdogs and just when the fans figured the boys in blue had the club to cop the title, they are shunted to the sidelines.

Don't be surprised one of these nights if you see Cliff (Porky) Hulme skate out on the ice with the Navy hockey team.

The blue-jackets are becoming so short of hockey players that Hulme has decided to don the playing togs again after being out of action all of last season.

Up to date Porky has been acting as coach of the Navy.

The former Saskatoon star has kept himself in good skating condition and it should not take him long to get himself ready for duty on one of the forward lines.

Just because one man in 10,000 is so, er, stylishly stout he can't get through a subway turnstile is no excuse for making all turnstiles larger, and using the same reasoning, Hank Iba can't see any reason for changing the basketball rules or raising the baskets just because he happens to have a seven-foot player on his team.

Iba is coach of the Oklahoma Aggies, and he's one of the eagles in the business, to stick to the vernacular of the game.

His teams are consistently tough to beat, whether they are playing a race-horse style of game or performing in exasperating slow motion, a style which Iba is particularly adept at teaching.

"How many seven-foot players have you seen?" Iba asks. "Bob Kurland, my boy, can do things on defence I never saw another player do in my 24 years as player and coach. Who knows how long it will be before another player like that comes along. To change the rules or the height of the basket just because of one man would be foolish."

Iba's Aggies played in Madison Square Garden recently, and the way the towering Kurland tended goal was a caution. They won their game.

Iba predicts a marked change in the style of play after the war. The coaches and athletic directors going into the service and discovering what real training and physical condition does for them will return and set up similar physical training programs for the boys. The result will be a faster, more rugged game.

Blackpool Takes League Soccer Honors With Win

LONDON (CP)—Blackpool, generally considered the best soccer team in England, won the league north championship Saturday for the third straight season, whitewashing Southampton 5-0 in one of the Christmas Day feature games winding up regular play in two leagues which now enter cup competition.

Manchester United defeated Bolton 3 to 1 to finish with the same number of points as Blackpool but a superior goal average gave the latter the championship.

Liverpool edged out Bradford and Huddersfield Town for third place by a single point as all three won their games.

With the league west championship assured, Lovell's Athletic dropped a 2 to 1 decision to Cardiff City but still retained a one-point margin over their opponents for the top honors in the six-team league.

In the league south Tottenham Hotspurs moved into a tie for the leadership with West Ham, drawing Fulham 2 to 0 while West Ham drew 3 to 3 with Chelsea.

Arsenal stayed in front of four teams tied in third place by whipping Millwall 5 to 1.

Glasgow Rangers drew four points ahead of their traditional rivals, Celtic, in the waning Scottish southern league race.

Rangers defeated lowly Third Lanark 3 to 1 while a 3 to 3 draw was the best Celtic could do against Hamilton Academicals.

Hearts beat St. Mirren 5 to 2 and Hibernian played to 1 to 1 draw with Dumbarton.

Glasgow's other Rangers won the northeastern league cup final 3 to 1 over Falkirk.

See Hockey Action Tonight



CHURCH RUSSELL



JACKIE ADAMS JOHNNY QUILTY

Two smart service clubs, R.C.A.F. Sea Hawks from Sea Island and Victoria Navy, will battle in a Coast Hockey League game at the Willows Arena tonight, starting at 8.30.

Tied for top position in the circuit the winner will take over undisputed possession of the lead. This will likely mark the final appearance here of the Sea Hawks as R.C.A.F. clubs drop from organized hockey Jan. 6.

Three players above will see plenty of action tonight. Church Russell will centre one of the Navy front lines, while Adams and Quilty, along with Wingly Johnson, compose the first string forward line of the Flyers.

Final Hockey Incident

By CHARLIE EDWARDS

TORONTO (CP)—The last "incident" to raise a howl from press and public before the R.C.A.F. withdrew its senior hockey teams was transferred to three outstanding players from the Army at Cornwall, Ont., to the air force in Toronto just in time for them to score three of the four goals as Toronto R.C.A.F. beat Toronto Navy 4 to 3 in an O.H.A. senior game.

The three players involved were Bud Poile and Penitus O'Flaherty, both former N.H.L. men, and Bobby Laurent. When the trio arrived in the air force dressing room they were still wearing their army uniforms.

There were rumors that the great Neil Colville might also be transferred from the army to the air force in Toronto.

Just the day before R.C.A.F. headquarters clamped down on

hockey completely there was some pertinent comment on the Laurent-Poile-O'Flaherty deal from their former headquarters.

Cornwall, where Jack Park of the Standard-Freeholder wrote:

"There are still a lot of people who believe men who were hockey stars before enlisting have not changed their vocation since joining the services. . . . A lot of fellows are seeing more action in the rinks than in the ranks."

Silencing of such criticism of services hockey was as important to the individual players involved as to the service generally.

MOXY BY MERVYN

Mervyn (Red) Dutton, N.H.L. managing director, told Elmer (Montreal Herald) Ferguson how he signed his first N.H.L. playing contract.

Dutton had a hunch not to sign a contract in the summer of 1926 when he

heard Lester Patrick was on his way to see Ted at the construction camp where he worked.

So Red climbed aboard a horse, rode out of camp leaving word he would be away several days.

Patrick didn't wait and a few days later came word that the old Western Canada League had blown up and that Dutton, formerly with Calgary Tigers, was automatically a free agent.

Manager Eddie Gerard of Montreal Maroons then visited Dutton's camp and offered him a three-year contract at \$5,000 a year plus a bonus of \$5,000 for signing.

Red's previous top was \$3,000 for a season and he was so dazzled by the offer he put his hands over his eyes and tried to think.

Gerard thought Red was figuring a counter bid and upped the offer to \$6,000 all around, or \$24,000 for three years.

"I just came out of the trance and yelled: 'Where's that contract and where's the pen?'" says Dutton. He signed on the spot.

Victoria's Hardy Polar Bears

Crossing the finishing line one foot in front, Ted Hiberson of the Navy won the annual 50-yard handicap plunge held in the Inner Harbor Christmas morning under the auspices of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club.

Peter Jackson of the Y.M.C.A. was second with three contenders finishing in a dead heat for third. The event attracted a field of 10 and the crowd lining the Causeway was the largest in many years.

At the conclusion of the race the contestants returned to the Crystal Gardens where they were entertained at lunch.

President G. Spencer Matthews presented the Capt. Harbord trophy to Hiberson while Jackson received the second ribbon.

All contestants received Polar Bear pins. Votes of thanks were extended to President Matthews and members of the V.A.S.C. executive and to G. Lovatt, Ernie Massick, C.P.R. and personnel of the Crystal Gardens.

Seen in the above picture, from left to right: W. T. Stanyon, Capt. R. C. Hutchison, H. R. Walkinshaw, D. Wilson, A. D. Mandau, B. Rayner, W. Foster, Peter Jackson, Len Coverdale, Ken Hum and Ted Hiberson.

Sid Luckman Sets Passing Record As Chicago Wins

CHICAGO (AP)—Sid Luckman, making his last fling in football before reporting to active duty in the United States merchant-marine, kept his passing arm busy Sunday as he rifled five touchdown passes to give the Chicago Bears a 41 to 21 victory over the Washington Redskins and the national pro championship before a crowd of 33,632.

In regaining the title from Washington, the Bears spotted their rivals seven points at the outset of the second period, then exploded for two touchdowns in each of the last three quarters.

Sammy Baugh, the Redskins' National Football League passing champion for 1943, was roughed up considerably in the first 1½ quarters, and finally was removed for observation in the dressing room after receiving a crack on the head.

He returned in the second half and twirled a 17-yard touchdown pass to Andy Farkas in the third period and a 25-yard scoring toss to Joe Aguirre in the fourth chapter.

SETS RECORD

Luckman's five scoring aerials set a national championship play-off record which Baugh had held since 1937 when his three touchdowns pitches beat the Bears.

This was the fourth tie match between the two teams since then, and the score card now stands with each club winning twice.

Dante Magnani and Harry Clark each tallied twice for the Bears after grabbing Sid's passes, and by the fourth period the game was so safely tucked away that the Bears' great quarterback did a bit of clowning by aiming at old Bronko Nagurski.

The Nag, who did his full share of ripping up the Washington forwards, nabbed the pass for a nine-yard gain.

In all, Luckman hit on 14 of 26 aerials for a gain of 276 yards.

Baugh made good on seven of 11 for 106 yards, and his team mate, George Cafego, connected on three of 11 for 76.

The Bears outtrushed Washington 168 yards to 45 and gained 276 yards by the air to 244.

Gi-Gino Captures Christmas Handicap

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Gi-Gino, four-year-old Dock Stable entry, won the \$5,000 added Christmas Handicap over a muddy track at the Fair Grounds Saturday.

Gi-Gino, an outsider in the betting, paid \$31 for \$2.

HEARD LESTER PATRICK WAS ON HIS WAY TO SEE TED AT THE CONSTRUCTION CAMP WHERE HE WORKED.**SO RED CLIMBED ABOARD A HORSE, RODE OUT OF CAMP LEAVING WORD HE WOULD BE AWAY SEVERAL DAYS.****PATRICK DIDN'T WAIT AND A FEW DAYS LATER CAME WORD THAT THE OLD WESTERN CANADA LEAGUE HAD BLOWN UP AND THAT DUTTON, FORMERLY WITH CALGARY TIGERS, WAS AUTOMATICALLY A FREE AGENT.****MANAGER EDDIE GERARD OF MONTREAL MAROONS THEN VISITED DUTTON'S CAMP AND OFFERED HIM A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT AT \$5,000 A YEAR PLUS A BONUS OF \$5,000 FOR SIGNING.****RED'S PREVIOUS TOP WAS \$3,000 FOR A SEASON AND HE WAS SO DAZZLED BY THE OFFER HE PUT HIS HANDS OVER HIS EYES AND TRIED TO THINK.****GERARD THOUGHT RED WAS FIGURING A COUNTER BID AND UPPE****THE OFFER TO \$6,000 ALL AROUND, OR \$24,000 FOR THREE YEARS.****"I JUST CAME OUT OF THE TRANCE AND YELLED: 'WHERE'S THAT CONTRACT AND WHERE'S THE PEN?'" SAYS DUTTON. HE SIGNED ON THE SPOT.****CHICAGO RANGERS-CHICAGO**

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Notre Dame Defeat Year's Big Surprise

NEW YORK (AP) — The last-minute defeat of the Notre Dame football team by Great Lakes was such a surprise that the choice of that eyebrow-lifter as the outstanding sports surprise of the year in the United States wasn't a surprise.

Of the 80 scribes participating in the annual Associated Press poll, only six failed to include that game on their ballots, and 60 of the 80 placed it No. 1 on the list. The New York Yankees' victory in the world series placed second.

Although there was little disagreement about that surprise, the scribes had individual ideas about the lesser surprises, 47 other events being listed.

The now-we-win, now-we-don't performance of the Washington Redskins in the National Pro

Football League followed closely the Yankee victory.

War Workers Capture Port Arthur Hockey

PORT ARTHUR (CP) — A combined lakehead war workers' senior team defeated a services' team 14 to 7 in a Christmas Day exhibition hockey match here.

Norm Larson, formerly with Brooklyn Americans in the National Hockey League, scored seven of the winners' goals. Bud Polle, R.C.A.F., formerly with Toronto Maple Leafs, passed for three of the goals.

The services' team consisted of lakehead boys spending holiday leaves at their homes here.

Jimmy Franks Back With Detroit Club

DETROIT (AP) — Manager Jack Adams of the Detroit Red Wings announced Sunday night that Jimmy Franks, deposed goal tender, had consented to play road games in the National Hockey League, leaving the veteran Normie Smith, who is tied down by a war job, as home goalie. Franks has been on the suspended list for refusing to go to the Indianapolis farm club.

Uncle Ray

American Indians Had Snowshoes of Many Shapes

How could men cross deep snow without sinking far down in their tracks?

That question was answered in northern Europe with the ski. On this continent it was answered by the snowshoe.

No one can tell who invented snowshoes. They may have been made first by Eskimos or by Indians. It also is possible that tribesmen in northern Asia were the inventors.

In any case, the first white men to reach North America found Indians using snowshoes almost everywhere that winter brought deep snow. When explorers reached northern Canada they learned that Eskimos had snowshoes.

In northeastern Asia, it is common for people to travel across snow on much the same kind of shoes, but none of them can tell you when their ancestors started the custom.

Early white explorers did not find just one kind of snowshoes.

They learned that dozens of different types were in use. Some were long, others short; some were wide, others narrow. A simple kind of snowshoe was in use among the Klamath Indians of southwestern Oregon.



It had an almost round wooden frame about 25 inches in diameter. Stretching across the frame were three crosspieces of webbing which covered hardly half the space inside the circle.

Eskimos have two main styles of snowshoes. One kind is round, but the other is in the shape of a triangle. Where wood was scarce, the Eskimos used animal bones to make the frames, or rims. In northwestern Canada, some Eskimos made the

rims from wood of small willow trees.

American Indians used tough wood such as hickory or ash for their snowshoes. Rawhide cut from the skins of caribou or other deer was employed for the webbing.

Although the rounded shape was known among the Indians, it was common for their snowshoes to be longer than they were wide. The length might be five or six feet, and the width well under two feet.

Young Bandsmen Have Christmas Party

A Christmas party for the young bandsmen and their mothers sponsored by the Victoria Boys' Band W.A. was held. Honorary chairman, G. MacDonald welcomed the boys and after a turkey dinner presented each boy with a gift. Mr. Rowles, bandleader, spoke and games were played.

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4 Persons Injured In 11 Car Crashes During Week-End

Police today reported four persons hurt in traffic accidents and seven collisions, in which cars were damaged during the Christmas week-end.

Joyce Bates, 19, of 2630 Government Street, was taken to Royal Jubilee Hospital early Christmas morning suffering from head injuries suffered when she fell from the running board of a car which had crashed into a bus.

H. J. Langlois said the car which was proceeding west on Caledonia and turning south on Douglas, crashed into his bus, which was proceeding south on Douglas, at 12:40 Saturday morning. The bus was slightly damaged.

Langlois said the woman was thrown to the pavement and rendered unconscious. Three men in the car, he said, took her away.

Police later learned the car was driven by C. Striecher of Raper's Dairy, Burnside Road. Mrs. M. Gouge, 3220 Wascana, suffered bruises to both legs and an injured ankle at 3:45 Saturday afternoon, when she was struck while crossing Broughton Street, by a car driven by Glen Robins.

SOLDIER HURT
An army jeep, proceeding south on Willows Road, at 1:30 Sunday morning, continued on across Cadboro Bay Road, glanced off a telephone pole and landed in a field. The jeep was slightly damaged, and the driver, whose name was not available, suffered a broken nose and cuts about the face.

Hugh Campbell, 1677 Hollywood Crescent, suffered a cut on the head and over the left eye when a car driven by William Stewart, 59 Menzies, apparently went into a skid and crashed into a light standard, doing considerable damage.

Cars driven by H. D. Mainwaring and Charles E. Cruise were damaged at Government and Fort in a collision Christmas Eve. Cars driven by George Atwell, 61 Gorge Road, and Kenneth Kissenger, 1110 Fairfield Road, were considerably damaged in a collision at Government and Princess Christmas Eve.

A car driven by Len Acres, 2322 Beach Drive, pulling from the curb of St. Patrick Street at 2:15 Saturday morning, was damaged when it and a car driven by George S. F. Coulson, 2032 Carlick, collided.

Considerable damage was done to a car owned by A. G. Hobbs, Lutton, which was struck by another car while parked in front of 1132 Chapman.

A car owned by George F. Rawlings, 1270 Kings Road, was considerably damaged in a collision on Pandora at 8:35 Saturday night.

A C.P.R. truck driven west on Belleville by E. E. Livesey, 1108 Noble Place, and a car driven east on Belleville and turning north onto Government by J. King, 903 Fullerton, were damaged in a collision Christmas Day. J. H. Thomas, 1847 Crescent Road, said his car had been moved from in front of his place and two wheels and two tires damaged.

3 CARS STOLEN
Ralph Sundin, 1638 Quadra; A. V. Prince, 901 Island Road; Fred Hawkes, 1815 Douglas, and Stanley Anderson, 821 Devonshire Road, recovered cars stolen on Christmas Eve and early Christmas Day. J. C. Knott, 248 Obid, reported his car stolen from Broughton Street.

Service People Had Travel Preference

Travel over the Christmas holiday was confined largely to members of the armed services on leave.

While admitting the movement was heavy, transportation companies said records did not show any greater peak than last year. Packed thoroughfares were operated into Vancouver, bringing a large number of soldiers, sailors and airmen to Vancouver Island to spend Christmas with their people. There was also a large exodus of service people from Victoria bound to mainland and eastern points.

Thirty steamers were operated by C.P.R. in and out of Victoria on Christmas Eve up to today, many of them being special boats and they were crowded. Five boats left here for Vancouver on Christmas Eve, three Christmas Day, the same number on Sunday, and three today. On the other leg of the intercity route, five boats left Vancouver for Victoria Christmas Eve, two Christmas Day, three Sunday and four were scheduled for today.

The air companies report good Christmas business. Canadian Pacific Airlines, operating five round trips daily, had all accommodation taken up. Trans-Canada Airways also had good through bookings to and from Victoria. Bus lines report good Christmas travel on Vancouver Island routes.

Renewed Hope and Cheer Mark Christmas In City

Bright lights shining over downtown streets, traditional illuminations at the Parliament Buildings, with its Christmas tree once more ablaze, and twinkling decorations gleaming through unshaded windows in private homes gave Victoria's 1943 wartime Christmas an appearance of renewed hope.

War-time prosperity brought groaning tables to virtually all homes and a spirit of cheerfulness reigned generally in spite of vacant chairs which signalled the absence of loved ones in the services.

The results of wide-open purses during the Christmas shopping rush showed in piles of gifts in living-rooms. Children, rising early, found toys and presents to their hearts content.

Christmas parties, private and public, brought friends close. The favorable trend of the war gave grounds for optimism to Christians of the future, with fervent hopes for early reunion of families.

Church services, well-attended from Christmas Eve to Sunday night, reflected the serious thought of the season as citizens offered prayers for the safety of those dear to them and for the broader hopes of victory and peace.

Shut-ins at city hospitals and elsewhere reported one of the finest Christmas on record. Special menus were the order of the day, with those able to eat enjoying festive meals with all the trimmings.

JUBILEE HOSPITAL
At the Jubilee Annex the older people received gifts from the Junior W.A. as well as fruit from Joe North and his friends. Rounds of carol singers, starting with the R.A.F. on Thursday and finishing with the proboscis on dinner arranged around a Christmas tree, brought the traditional spirit to the day, while Mayor Andrew McGavin, Mrs. McGavin and G. H. Stevens, the latter representing the board of directors, visited patients throughout the institution.

FOR SERVICEMEN
Different auxiliaries provided presents for servicemen unable to return to their homes, while in the T.B. Pavilion a special function centred around a dinner arranged by the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E., brought cheer to a group which included six sergeants here from Sicily who were up for the first time for the occasion.

Few children were in the hospital for the day, the majority being sent home for their private festivities. Nurses held their own party with a full turkey dinner and received boxes of candy, from the board of directors and Miss Sherer of the St. John Nursing Division.

The mechanical staff, at a banquet of its own the preceding night, enjoyed a rollicking time. **ST. JOSEPH'S**
At St. Joseph's Hospital internists, Lieut. Crawford Anglin and Dr. Arthur Venables, became Santa Claus for the night before Christmas, visiting all patients and distributing gifts.

Student nurses held their own party in the Nurses' Home drawing room, with Miss Muriel Cameron taking the role of Father Christmas. Singing continued until church time.

The Sisters choir, including Sister Mary Patricia, assisted in the celebration of Midnight Mass with Miss Park presenting solos. At 6 Christmas morning the choir leader with student nurses toured the hospital singing carols. The Mayor and Mrs. McGavin visited patients, including members of the services, and distributed gifts and many of the doctors called with their wives.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was celebrated in the beautifully decorated chapel by Rev. Father A. J. McLellan. As in former years, the crib of Bethlehem was erected there. Any wishing to see the chapel may visit during the Christmas week.

AGED MEN'S HOME
Traditional jollity reigned at the Aged Men's Home, where Mayor McGavin, Mrs. McGavin, Aldermen F. A. Willis, Ed Williams, Archi Willis, D. D. McTavish and W. H. Davies joined the senior citizens for a full-course dinner at noon Christmas Day. Presents were distributed by Ald. Willis, home chairman, and his colleagues with tobacco, pipes, biscuits and candy going to the elderly gentlemen. During the afternoon, visitors were received and in the evening a home-televised concert, featuring Frank Lavery's one-man band, brought the day to a successful conclusion.

FOR AGED WOMEN
Illness restricted to some degree festivities at the Aged Women's Home. Gifts were received by patients with breakfast trays and special menus were prepared with turkey served at dinner, attended by board members Mrs. W. R. Clay, Mrs. E.

Woman Missing Since Wednesday

Police and relatives renewed their efforts to locate Mrs. Constance Margaret Turner, 56, missing since last Wednesday afternoon.

When last seen Mrs. Turner, who is 5 feet 6 inches, of very slight build, with shallow complexion and wearing horn-rimmed glasses, was dressed in a green dress, brown tweed coat, brown felt hat. She wore a brown and white wool scarf and carried a black purse. She was last seen at the corner of Fort and Pandora.

Mr. Turner has offered \$100 reward for information leading to the discovery of his wife, alive or dead. Anyone having information is asked to get in touch with the city police detective office or Mr. Turner at B 1737.

Police said Mrs. Turner had suffered from loss of memory recently. Some time ago the Turner home was destroyed by fire.

Lions' House Draw In About 2 Weeks

Ticket sale for the Lions' Club house closed Christmas Eve and the drawing will be in about two weeks, Jack Fuller, president of the club, said today.

There is a lot of bookkeeping to be done, he said, and the club hopes to have the drawing made at some public function.

Thousands of tickets have been sold and many of them are held by persons in different parts of North America. Many U.S. visitors to the city bought tickets, hoping to own a house in Victoria where they can retire. Many sailors, soldiers and airmen in Europe also have tickets in their name, having been presented with them by friends and relatives here who think "it will be nice if some fighter could return to a home all ready in Victoria."

The sale of tickets has been in aid of British and Chinese bombed children, under the auspices of the Queen's Fund and the Victoria Lions' Charities.

In addition to the attractive \$7,500 home on Despard Avenue, there are other prizes at stake—five \$100 Victoria bonds and five \$50 Victoria bonds. All tickets have stated that the Lions' Club retains the privilege of awarding \$7,500 in Victoria bonds in lieu of the home.

500 People Attend Yuletide Festival

Five hundred people, mostly from neighboring states of the U.S., and more distant parts of Canada, participated in the Empress Hotel Christmas festivities.

It was the 16th consecutive year of the famed Yuletide festival which, despite the war, shows no signs of diminishing in popularity.

In fact, the colorful Elizabethan ceremonial and feasting is featured in these war days by the increasing number of people in the uniform of the armed forces attending it.

Feature of the big celebration, as usual, was the ceremony of the "Firing of the Yule log," with attendant carolers, jesters, trumpeters, ladies-in-waiting and henchmen, gaily costumed in period of the picturesque Middle Ages.

All day the hotel guests were entertained by the Elizabethan carolers parading the corridors singing Christmas carols, climaxed in the evening, immediately before dinner, by the firing of the log in the main hall with song and masque. Maj. L. Bullock-Webster, as Seneschal, was in charge of the pageantry.

The assembled company, crowding the hall, standing on chairs, staircases and points of vantage, joined in the chorus as the blazing log crackled in the open hearth.

Immediately afterwards, Christmas dinner was served in the main dining-room and grill. During the serving of the courses, the carolers paraded among the diners singing, "Ye Grete Boar's Hede, Sweet Rose-mary and Bags Around it Spread," which Holmes garbed as a chef in white, carrying the boar's head on a massive platter above his head, surrounded by the caroling gay company.

Leaving the festive board, the guests adjourned to the ballroom, where dancing continued until midnight.

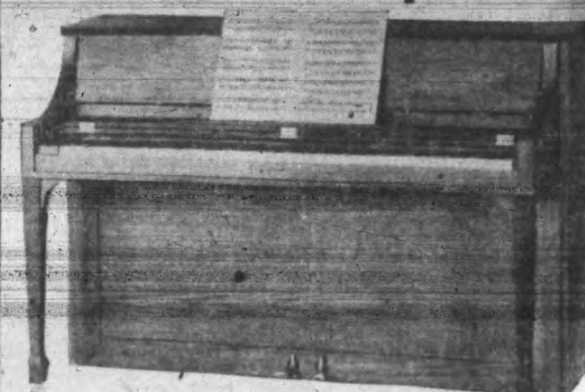
Gas Kills 4

OTTAWA (CP)—Death toll from coal gas poisoning in an Ottawa duplex at the Christmas week-end rose to four today with the death of Mrs. Mary Manolly, 66. The three other victims, Paul McGoe, 19; Gwen McGoe, 20; his wife, and Michael Androwski, 70, were dead when neighbors investigated Sunday.

Jap Tobacco Price Up
LONDON (CP)—Japan has raised tobacco prices 50 per cent as a revenue-producing measure, the Berlin radio said today.

Ranch House Burns
PENTICTON, B.C. (CP)—Fire gutted the ranch home of Major Hugh Fraser, about three miles from Okanagan Falls, causing considerable damage to house and contents.

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Separate tenders will also be received for the purchase, in whole or in part, of the property known and described as Parcel B of 1 and 2 (except triangle for road purposes), Section 61, May 1909, Victoria District.
The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
For appointment to view the above building, phone E-1654 or E-1491.

Funeral Notice
PRO PATRIA BRANCH
CANADIAN LEGION, B.E.S.L.
The members of Pro Patria-Branch, Canadian Legion, the Women's Auxiliary, are requested to attend the funeral of our late comrade, Percy Cromack, ex-Hawesville B.C. Pioneer Chapter on Tuesday, December 28, at 1:30 p.m.
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German Guessers Say Invasion May Come By Jan. 1

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Some Berlin military commentators, still guessing nervously at the zero hour for the Allied invasion of western Europe, said today they believed the blow might fall this week even before the turn of the new year.

Dispatches to neutral Sweden from the German capital said this talk in Nazi military circles was based on the relentless aerial hammering German fortifications along the Channel coast have been receiving.

The dispatches quoted these Nazi military commentators as claiming Germany is fully prepared for new operations, but Germany's loss of the battleship Scharnhorst in an engagement with the British Home Fleet was viewed here as a severe blow at the Nazi defence cordon.

There has been no official comment from Berlin on the appointment of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as commander of the Allied invasion armies or the designation of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery as commander of British invasion troops.

It was recalled, however, that during the campaign in Sicily the Germans credited Eisenhower and Montgomery as being the Allies' two best leaders. They once said Eisenhower never launched an attack unless he was 90 per cent sure of success.

For Berliners, the fifth Christmas of the war was the worst in history. Many spent the day cleaning up after Thursday night's heavy raid. A Swedish correspondent who toured parts of the devastated city Christmas Day said he saw only four or five children at play. A further indication children have been evacuated from the capital by the thousand.

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